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The Police Commission and the Castro Sweep

On Dec. 9, the Police Commission heard final testimony on the charges brought against three officers of the department relating to the Oct. 6, 1989, demonstration in the Castro.

The original testimony was heard by Commission President Harry Low and all five of the commissioners read the entire transcript and reviewed the evidence of those proceedings prior to this hearing. Subsequently, the full commission heard the closing arguments from both the department and the defendants' attorneys.

Ultimately, the commission voted unanimously that the charge of violating departmental policy and the applicable general order could not be sustained.

Those were the charges and the finding of fact, given the crowd control procedures and departmental policy in place at the time of the incident. Had those officers acted in a similar way under the current procedures and policies, the finding would have been substantially different.

There was no question in the mind of this commissioner that the actions viewed on the videotape were egregious and excessive, regardless of when they occurred. It is truly unfortunate for those victims of physical assault and equally so for those members of the police department to have been governed by such inappropriate crowd control measures. Since 1989, those policies have been carefully scrutinized and modified to reflect a sensible and fair handling of demonstrations and crowd control, ensuring the safety of demonstrators, bystanders and police personnel.

This commission has and will continue to enforce the standards set out by the policy and continually review them for fairness and appropriateness for the citizens of our community.

David C. Detrick
Police Commissioner
San Francisco

Keep Patrols

A recent article in the paper reported that due to lack of funds the very successful foot and bike patrols will be discontinued. I believe this would be a serious mistake. These patrols have the potential to stop crime while getting the community involved in policing their own neighborhoods.

The narc squad spends $34 million annually of San Franciscans' money—arresting 14,000 people, 3,500 for marijuana alone—creating crime. Misplaced priorities?

Dennis Peron
Medical Marijuana Restoration
San Francisco

Rainbeau Clarifies

Thanks so much for the fabulous birthday tribute ("News Briefs," *SF Bay Times,* Dec. 3). It was a spectacular celebration for me this year. It was a terrific surprise to see my photo and the write-up in your paper.

I appreciate the bio and promo for my workshop (and have already had several inquiries!). I'd like to point out that the "over 30 benefits" and the money that's been raised have occurred in the past year only, while I have, in fact, been doing this consistently for six years now. I must say, it's been a rewarding, fulfilling experience dancing at benefits for AIDS organizations. Also, I would like to clarify the title I won this year, which is "Stripper of the Year." Finally, my dear friend, Alicia Brite, who made this tribute possible, was not credited for her photo.

I don't mean to put a damper on such a very special gift. I only wanted to clear up a couple of things. I feel blessed and am grateful to all who have supported my work over the years. Happy holidays and best wishes for the new year.

Rainbeau
Oakland

Leaving Out the "B" Word

As is evident from your letters pages and from your Nov. 19 front cover, many of you still do not get it, do you? As Kate Bornstein said, we're all in this together and no one benefits from any one identity group claiming "ownership" of a (narrowly defined) queer movement, except our enemies.

Why therefore would you *misquote* Amendment 2 and omit the "B" word from your front cover? Colorado's Amendment 2 also makes "travel to Colorado hazardous..." for bisexuals. Although your news coverage—and that of many other gay publications—has not emphasized it, the Colorado amendment specifically mentions bisexuals as one of the groups against which it discriminates. The right-wing is clear about where we belong. Why aren't you?

You have made great, risky strides on this inclusion issue in the past year and your insightful coverage of the bi and transgender parts of the queer community has been an inspiration to me and an example to other publications around the country.

Now is not the time to be in a "state of denial" about essential details. You should be aware that several *new* proposed right-wing bills in other states *also* contain the "B" word. It's important for all of us to educate ourselves and the general public about what bisexuality is and why it's important for people to have freedom to be any kind of safe, sane, consensual sexual being they wanna be! The upcoming April 25, 1993, March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation will only foster more (not less) dialogue in the mainstream press about bisexuality. We need to be ready for it, not shy away from it.

Loraine Hutchins
Washington, D.C.

SF Bay Times is not at all in a "state of denial" about the inclusion of bisexuals in the gay/lesbian community. It was brought to our attention AFTER the Nov. 19 issue that bisexuals were specifically mentioned in the Colorado amendment. In fact, the entire staff of SF Bay Times*—many of whom are bisexual and active in the bisexual community—was not aware that Amendment 2 also targeted bisexuals. We did not deliberately and maliciously leave bisexuals off the cover. We have a long track record of supporting the disenfranchised in the queer community, and in fact have taken a considerable amount of heat for many years specifically for our support of bisexuals being recognized in the community. And surprise(!) we're human, and sometimes make mistakes. We don't appreciate the automatic assumption that we're narrow-minded bigots. It gets a little tiring to be trashed—and rarely acknowledged—by those whom we have so consistently supported.*

Painful for a Jewish Queer

I was walking down Castro Street with another Jewish Queer. We noticed a T-shirt hanging in the window of a very popular clothing store that said "Recovering Jew." This shirt is incredibly painful to me for many reasons. It brings up the issue of internalized anti-Semitism which does much to destroy community and culture and works in many of the same sly ways internalized homophobia does. It works for the people who would like all the "others" to disappear. As long as we—in this case, Jews—want to "recover," we are doing what many in this world would like us to do. Would the first step toward recovery be a name change? A nose job? A Christmas tree? This is already happening. What is the next step?

It is especially painful to see this shirt in the Castro. What if, while walking around the City, you saw a shirt that said, "Recovering Gay" (or "Recovering Lesbian" or "... Bisexual" or "... Transvestite"). It is crucial to remember the common enemy that once exterminated Jews and queers together. Standing in line with the men wearing pink triangles and the women wearing black triangles were millions of Jews wearing yellow stars. It is disturbing to see a shirt that condones self-hatred and a call for Jewish "recovery" on Castro Street because it is insensitive and hypocritical to advertise shirts that assert gay pride along with this shirt that is about shame and assimilation. It is sad to me that those who died together and who are targeted in similar fashions ("don't flaunt it") do little to educate each other about our common bonds and often do not love each other in our differences. How many straight Jews in this country do anything for queer rights and how many queers think of Jews when they put on a Silence = Death pin with a pink triangle on it? There is an urgent need to join together now and recognize the common forces against us.

At a time such as the Christmas season and the anniversary of the death of Harvey Milk (another Jewish queer), when Jews and other non-Christian people and cultures are encouraged to blend in, it is important to assert to ourselves and the world that we do not want to "recover." At this time of the season every pink triangle should reflect in our memory and our hearts a yellow star, and vice versa. Remember, being Jewish isn't just a phase either.

Dara Wolochow
San Francisco

Tree Top Industry Plot

Sexism lives everywhere, even in the Christmas tree. Three years ago my lover and I decided it would be nice to have a male angel for the top of our family Christmas tree, only to discover that this would turn into a three-year episode of "Mission Impossible"

In the spirit of diversity, I thought it would be nice to have a male angel. I had never noticed one on a tree before, but most of the angels I remember from Bible study and from history had male names and appeared male in the pictures given to us as children: Gabriel, Lucifer and St. Peter himself have been depicted as angels in various forms.

In the past three years I have been to every shopping district in San Francisco, only to discover that somewhere in the tree-top-making industry a plot must exist to offer only two choices: a female angel or a Father Christmas.

I was told by an obviously well-educated salesperson that there are no male angels, only female ones. And this was in our city's hotbed of diversity, acceptance and gender—the Castro.

A friend of mine suggested that it may not be a plot, that perhaps somewhere along the line people started thinking of angels as female because they have always been depicted with long flowing robes and cascading hair (traditional female attributes). I am confident that it is much more devious than that. At our house—until there is equality in Christmas tree decorations—the top of our tree will stay bare as a silent protest to the persecution of all male angels by ornament makers everywhere.

Carter Serrett
San Francisco

Respect for Volunteers

I feel I must address Thom Bean's Bean Sprouts column ("Orchids and Onions," *SF Bay Times*) that appeared in your Nov. 19 issue. Mr. Bean needs to do more research before writing things that can be damaging to those people trying to help the homeless and needy through volunteer time with creditable nonprofit organizations—volunteers who I feel have been very badly slandered!

Mr. Bean's article on a temporary employment service operated by Don Jackson of the so-called "Gay Rescue Mission" is not actually part of the Gay Rescue Mission. The final nasty comment about "on the job training in cocksucking" was in very bad taste, referring as it does to an organization that sincerely helps many needy people in the gay—as well as the straight—community, with no prejudice and without operating a sex-for-hire service!

The Gay Rescue Mission was very helpful to me personally after I left my position as administrator with another homeless organization that is no longer here in San Francisco. All of their client referrals and contacts with their volunteers were always on high standards. My gratitude to them has allowed me to help some needy people.

I believe the minimum you owe the Gay Rescue Mission is an apology for bad editing and lack of consideration to them and their volunteers. You should be happy nobody slammed a slander suit on you.

Finally, I thank the Gay Rescue Mission for helping me personally and would state that our country still has good people here, as they have proved in helping me—a veteran and a heterosexual!

Mr. Bean has earned an "onion" on this one.

Ronald Kowalczyk
Volunteer, GRM
San Francisco

Broughton's Masterpiece

I was astounded to see James Broughton's *Hermes Bird* (made in 1978) listed among a few others as being "unworthy of artistic merit," according to Anne-Imelda Radice of the National Endowment for the Arts, which resulted in a grant denial to the Pittsburgh Lesbian and Gay International Film Festival.

This film, which celebrates the wonders of the phallic mystery, has been widely seen by international audiences for 14 years and praised by many, including the respected film critic and historian, Amos Vogel, who said, "The great and wise master of the American film avant-garde continues his sly attacks on sexual taboos with this masterpiece."

I consider it an outrage that the poetic voice of a major American artist has once again been used to suppress the arts in this country.

Joel Singer
Port Townsend, WA

Women Against Rape *and* Racism

We were distressed to learn that a mailing containing racist cartoons was recently sent out with the return address "Women Against Rape and Cultural

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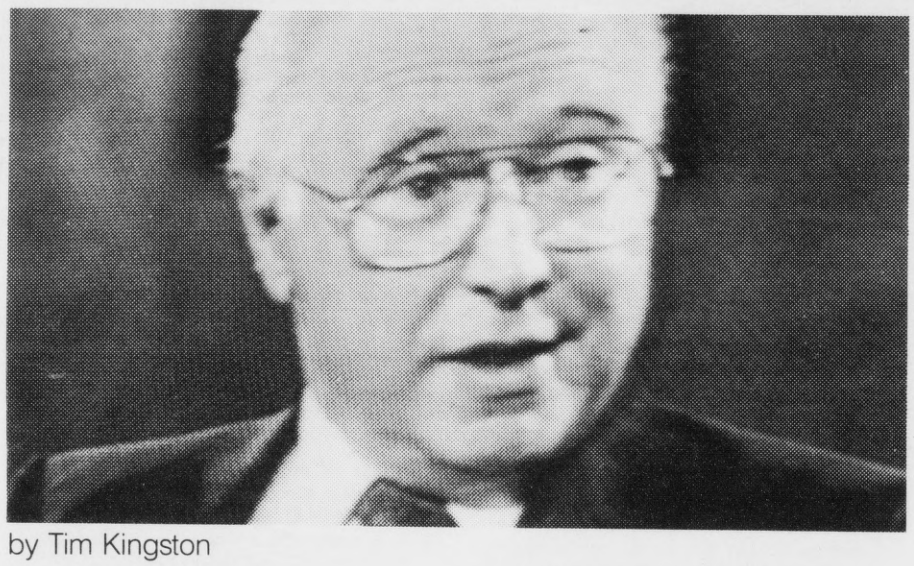
The Race is On? Sheldon Floats California Anti-Gay Initiative/ Referendum



by Tim Kingston

And they're off! The first horse—and odds-on favorite—in the 1993 homophobia sweepstakes is out of the starting gate, and it's the Reverend Lou Sheldon and his Traditional Values Coalition (TVC). Sheldon is racing down the fairway with a letter that asks his supporters to "prayerfully consider supporting a statewide ballot proposition on the heterosexual ethic [sic]." The letter, which was obtained by GLAAD/LA (Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation), on Dec. 7 includes a P.S. requesting a donation to get the campaign started up.

Sheldon's fundraising drive is one of the first responses by "Christian" evangelical forces to the passage of Colorado's anti-gay Amendment 2, the infamous amendment prohibiting "special" anti-discrimination protection for lesbians and gays. Sheldon's effort should be no surprise: Even on the far right he is notorious for leaping on the nearest available bandwagon, particularly when it has something to do with attacking lesbians, gays and bisexuals. The letter, dated Nov. 20, announces a "reasonable" TVC "positive policy initiative," modeled on Colorado's to defeat the "homosexual lobby and their liberal friends."

"The hatemonger is clearly on the rampage. They are definitely planning something," snapped David Smith, executive director of GLAAD/LA, to whom the Sheldon letter was leaked. Smith asserts Sheldon confirmed to the *Denver Post* that the TVC is working to put an anti-gay initiative on the California ballot. "They are taking the first steps, and they are raising money," says Smith.

But Smith says Sheldon is now cagey about revealing his plans for an anti-gay initiative. Smith says Sheldon recently told the *Los Angeles Times* that further comment on his proposed anti-gay ballot measure "would not be prudent."

While the evidence is not concrete, Smith warns, "The fact is we are going to have to monitor his activities and strike back early—and not just wait until it is submitted for title and summary to the Secretary of State." GLAAD/LA argues it is essential to expose Sheldon's plans early, so that the lesbian/gay community can frame the terms of the debate, not the TVC. Smith believes Sheldon is on the defensive now that the letter has been leaked.

Sheldon and the TVC refused to return calls from *SF Bay Times* for comment.

WHAT IS HE UP TO?

Lesbian/gay and other progressive activists are mixed in their response to Sheldon's letter. Some argue the letter is simply a fundraising effort capitalizing on the Colorado measure, while others see it as a harbringer of anti-gay campaigns in California to come. Other veteran observers like Sara Diamond, an activist, author and longtime observer of the "Christian" right, take the long view and argue it is too early to say exactly what the letter means.

Jesse Greenman, co-chair of GLAAD/SF, views the Sheldon letter simply as a regular internal communication from Sheldon to his "minions" in the evangelical right. She says it is "primarily intended as a fundraising letter—milking his followers by whipping up hysteria. He is trying to make money by exploiting lesbian, gay and bisexual issues."

Greenman and other activists believe Sheldon has little chance of getting an anti-gay initiative or referendum on the ballot and passed in California. Activists doubt such an effort would succeed, partly because the electorate is familiar with the issue and has rejected such efforts in the past, and partly because Governor Wilson signed AB 2601—the job anti-discrimination legislation for lesbians and gays. (Of course, Wilson's deep cuts in state agencies that enforce the legislation make his signature on AB 2601 merely a symbolic act.) Activists believe that rather than targeting California, the Christian right will go for easier targets like Missouri, Washington or Idaho.

John Duran, a Los Angeles gay rights attorney with direct experience of Sheldon's tactics, also doubts an initiative is on the way for California, but he sees a different agenda at work. "Whether or not they can get an initiative passed is not material. It is whether or not they can mobilize the right wing to pick Wilson off. The referendum is secondary." He says elements of the right wing hate Wilson because he is a moderate Republican who they believe buckled under to "homosexual lobby" pressure, and they will do anything they can to get rid of him. Duran is not sure if that effort will include an anti-gay initiative, but he warns, "Whenever right wing groups do things, there is a hidden agenda."

Duran says, "The right-wing of America has

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always had issues they have used to try and get the center over [on their side]. Historically it was communism and the 'Reds.' Then it was abortion.'' Duran says the right wing lost out on abortion the moment Bill Clinton was elected, and now, he says, ''The only thing they have got left is homosexuals. They think [they can use us] to reach over to the moderate voters.''

The Reverend Jerry Sloan of Project Tocsin, a gay watchdog group that keeps an eye on California's religious right, is one of those who believe that Sheldon's posturing about a 1994 ballot initiative is genuine. ''You should always take Sheldon seriously, even though he is an idiot,'' says Sloan. ''He is asking for money to do an initiative. We have got to take it at face value. I think it is the first shot in what is going to be, over the next two years, a long hard battle in California.''

What Sloan and other activists find most interesting in the letter is that, for Sheldon, the rhetoric is noticeably calmer than in the past. No longer does Sheldon spout blood-curdling tales of homosexual-men-and-women-eat-their-young-while-engaging-in-unspeakably-depraved-sexual-acts-that-we-dare-not-tell-you-about-but-if-you-are-really-horrified-send-$50-and-an-SASE-to-the-TVC. Instead Sheldon talks about ''addressing important issues that are under attack by the liberal left, but have the strong support of the general population.''

The letter is strategic—not hysterical—and that is what most concerns Sloan. He says the aim is to win legislation or state constitutional amendments like Colorado's that prevent anti-discrimination legislation from being passed. Then, once proactive pro-gay legislation is prevented, the right wing will press forward with a direct assault on lesbians, gays and bisexuals.

COLORADO'S IMPACT

Lesbian/gay activists believe that the toning down of Sheldon's language is a direct result of the success of the stealth vote that passed Amendment 2. Right-wingers agree, but they are not sure if a referendum is the way to go in California.

Robert Stutzman, director of communications with the Sacramento-based Capital Resource Group, a right-wing think tank, says, ''It is too early to tell. There is a lot of analysis and thought that goes into such a strategy.'' As for Colorado, Stutzman says the lessons are obvious: ''You look at Oregon, where it lost, and you don't want to duplicate that mistake; you take a look at Colorado and see why it won and try to replicate what happened there.''

Even before the election, the far right was placing its bets on the kinder, gentler hatred of Colorado. Sloan points out that wealthy right-winger Howard Ahmanson gave $25,000 to the backers of the Colorado amendment, but notes that Ahmanson gave nothing to the more overtly vindictive Oregon proposition that barely lost.

Publicly, the right wing says the Oregon initiative was too punitive to be supported. Sara DiVito Hardman, state director of the Christian Coalition, is representative of those who would support a Colorado-type initiative in California. She says the Oregon initiative was too extreme, but the Colorado initiative ''seems right.'' Hardman says that gays and lesbians should have the same rights under the Constitution as everyone else, but she opposes ''special'' anti-discrimination statutes. Hardman adds, ''If you start having special rights for gays you will have special rights for everyone in the world.''

Hardman says, ''There are certain groups that have special rights, such as minorities and women...[but] I don't think that gays ought to have special rights; they are not born a minority. It is not a genetic thing, like being Black or Asian or female.'' When asked if lesbians and gays don't deserve some sort of anti-discrimination protection due to anti-gay violence, Hardman replied, ''The people who get beaten up are doing horrible things.'' She equated disruption of church services, alleged telephone harassment, and critical articles in newspapers with physical violence against gays and lesbians.

Hardman said she was not aware of fatal gay-bashing incidents, but stressed anti-discrimination legislation is not needed. ''I don't think a law to stop killing will make any difference. A law will create more divisiveness. That is what happens with anti-discrimination legislation, you create more animosity. It is pulling our nation apart.''

BE READY

Chip Berlet, of Political Research Associates in Boston and a student of America's far right for many years, says he has no doubt there will be a series of anti-gay referendums put on ballots across the country, but he is also not sure if California will be on the list. Berlet stresses, however, that ''We have to stop fighting these as individual phenomena: feminism, civil rights, affirmative action, homophobia, abortion rights, public education against prayers in school. We have to realize that the political right has been targeting each constituency one by one. We have to organize across the lines and stop this attempt to roll back civil rights.''

Berlet says that lesbian/gay activists must assume there will be a referendum. ''The only defense is to assume that will happen. Play chess. Think ahead. If it all turns out not to happen, throw a party and celebrate your work together... Assume the worst. Party if it is the best.''

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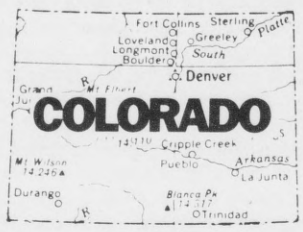

State of Denial.

Colorado: Paying the Price for Its Bigotry

by Tommi Avicolli Mecca

Queers in California may not want to be working on the railroad anymore—at least not the Southern Pacific one.

Philip Anschultz, the billionaire owner of the Southern Pacific Railroad, contributed $10,000 to Colorado for Family Values, sponsors of Colorado's successful anti-gay Amendment 2, according to a Dec. 11 article in the *Rocky Mountains News*.

A Federal Election Commission report states that altogether the anti-gay group raised $378,792. The pro-gay Equality Colorado netted $681,485, with $20,000 coming from record producer David Geffen in the final weeks.

Michael Furtney, spokesperson for the San Francisco office of the railroad, says that Anschultz's contribution was a "private matter."

"It did not involve any Southern Pacific corporate or political action funds," Furtney says. "I'm not sure what pocket it came out of, but it was a private contribution of Mr. Anschultz's as a private citizen."

Southern Pacific, which is a freight line these days, employs 9,000 people statewide, 2,200 in San Francisco. Furtney says that Southern Pacific has a non-discrimination policy, though he doesn't know if it specifically mentions sexual orientation. But he says that anti-gay discrimination has never been a problem or an issue at the company. "We certainly comply with every regulation, ordinance, law, whatever," he says.

Gay and lesbian employees of the railroad here in San Francisco plan to respond to news of their employer's contribution to the anti-gay forces. At press time, nothing definite had been set, according to a source at Sourthern Pacific who asked to remain anonymous.

BOYCOTT GAINS MOMENTUM

One thing's becoming clear in the aftermath of the passage of the country's first statewide anti-gay rights initiative: there's a price to be paid for bigotry.

Colorado's learning the hard way that its month-old Amendment 2, which nixes all current gay rights measures, and forbids local and state legislatures alike from ever passing similar laws, has a price tag that it can't afford to pay.

So far, that price tag has a $7 million figure on it. That's what Deborah Cornelius of the state tourism board told *SF Bay Times* the state has lost in tourist and convention business. Of course, it doesn't include the bad PR the state's receiving. Fifty to 100 calls a day are still coming in on the board's 24-hour 800 number (800-265-6723), most of them expressing what Cornelius describes as "anger and frustration" over the passage of Amendment 2. "You can count on one hand the number of people who are glad it passed," she says.

Though his outfit is not officially logging calls, Terry Sullivan of the Colorado Springs Convention and Visitors' Bureau says the response via his group's 800 number (800-888-4748) "has not been all negative, not been all positive." He says his organization received up to about 60 calls a day immediately after the amendment passed, but now gets about four to five.

Still, a national boycott against the state of Colorado, and even Aspen's annual Gay Ski Week, is proliferating faster than the snow on the ski slopes, with entertainers and activists joining the ranks of those who won't party where bigotry reigns.

Perhaps the biggest celebrity speaking out against Colorado's bigotry is singer Barbra Streisand, who's now solidly supporting the boycott. Though she initially rallied around a boycott, she "clarified" her position a week later by saying she would honor whatever anti-2 measure Colorado activists proposed.

"Think of it this way: If the law were passed against Jews or people of color, the whole country would be outraged, and nobody would question a boycott of that state."

—Barbra Streisand

But at a Dec. 11 American Civil Liberties Union dinner honoring her and Anita Hill, Streisand was firmer in her stance. "It appears that a boycott is under way in Colorado, and I will personally honor it and find some other state to vacation in," said the singer and director.

Added La Streisand, "Think of it this way: If that law were passed against Jews or people of color, the whole country would be outraged, and nobody would question a boycott of that state."

At the same time Barbra was establishing herself as the Hollywood legend with the most guts, a gay group known as Ground Zero was forming in Colorado Springs, described by some as the epicenter of the Amendment 2 effort, to combat the hate generated by the amendment, and Colorado State House Minority Leader Sam Williams (D-Breckenridge) was announcing that he is drafting a constitutional amendment to repeal the anti-gay law. He says the amendment will be introduced on Jan. 13, the opening day of the new House session.

A suit against the measure has already been filed in the state court of appeals, with tennis star Martina Navratilova as one of its many plantiffs. Navratilova is also pledging to move her residence from Aspen until the state reverses Amendment 2.

If Rep. Williams is setting himself up as a hero of the anti-Amendment 2 effort, pro-gay Denver Mayor Wellington Webb (who opposes Amendment 2) is setting himself up as its fall guy. Even as he was flying to New York to appear on "Good Morning America" to encourage travel to Colorado, the Big Apple's mayor, David Dinkins, was asking the U.S. Conference of Mayors to move its 1993 conference from Colorado Springs.

Webb was picketed and followed throughout his visit to La Manzana Grande by queer demonstrators; in one action against him, ten members of the group Lesbian Avengers interrupted his breakfast appearance at the Regency Hotel. Though queers know he is against the anti-gay initiative, "he needs to do more," one activist said.

SUPPORT FROM EVERYWHERE

And more is what many people are doing. Support for the queer community of Colorado is pouring in from everywhere. The American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California has joined a host of other organizations, including the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation and the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, in adding its name to the hell-no-we-won't-go-to-Colorado roster. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors is considering a pro-boycott resolution from supe Harry Britt to do what the folks in Atlanta did: ban travel to that state by city employees.

The Philadelphia City Council, under the sponsorship of Democratic Councilmember Joe Vignola, passed a resolution calling on Mayor Ed Rendell to issue an executive order banning travel to conferences by city employees and discouraging business with companies in Colorado or any locality that passes an anti-gay law.

On the other side of the country: The Multnomah County (Oregon) Commissioners have embargoed trade with Colorado and any state with anti-gay laws. That means no employees can go there on county funds, except for law enforcement officials pursuing prosecution of a crime.

On another front, many national groups with big bucks to spend are relocating their planned Colorado conventions to other states. These include the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights and the Coalition of Labor Union Women as well as the National Organization for Women and the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

The pop/jazz vocal group Manhattan Transfer has gotten into the act by donating its fees from two shows in Fort Collins, Colo., to the Colorado Legal Initiatives Project, sponsors of the Amendment 2 appeal. About 40 of the 2,300 ticket holders asked for refunds when they learned of the donation. The group has made it clear that it is not boycotting the state, however.

The same goes for a group of members of Colorado's entertainment community who teamed up with their counterparts from California to form Coloradans and Californians for Fairness in the Nation (COFFIN). Among other things, the group plans ads in queer publications to seek funds for a repeal effort.

COFFIN, which numbers concert promoter Barry Fey and "Tonight Show" co-producer Bill Royce in its ranks, does not support a boycott, having been lobbied by celebrities who own homes in the ski state. But it hopes to get Whoopi Goldberg, Tom and Roseanne Arnold and Michael Douglas to appear in a TV ad in Colorado to help convince the state's citizens that they erred in passing Amendment 2.

Corporate forces are joining the fight, too. The chair of the Denver-based Quark, Inc., which develops software programs for newsrooms, says he is tossing in $1 million to aid in the repeal of Amendment 2 effort.

The writing is on the wall: bigotry in Colorado is in deep shit.

GAY SKI WEEK

Though there's seldom been such a swift response to anti-gay bigotry, some in the queer community are unhappy with one aspect of the boycott. Those folks who live in Aspen—a skiing community that has been extremely supportive of queers, passing a gay rights measure years ago and coming out 3-to-1 against Amendment 2—support the boycott, but don't want people to stay away from their annual Gay Ski Week.

Tom Mooney of Aspen's organized gay community says that the situation is analogous to the civil rights movement of the '50s and '60s. "Blacks didn't ignore their own churches and institutions," he says. "We're not a church, but we're an institution [in the gay/lesbian/bisexual community]."

Mooney says that Ski Week, which takes place in January, will educate people about Amendment 2, as well as raise money for the repeal effort and for the March on Washington. "This is our own institution, and we deserve to support it," he says.

Terry White, chair of an Aspen gay group, told the Associated Press: "We're still expecting a large crowd. Our community voted 3-1: No on 2. We feel a boycott would alienate what support we do have."

But at least one influential supporter of Gay Ski Week has pulled out, saying that the Colorado boycott is necessary to send a message to bigots

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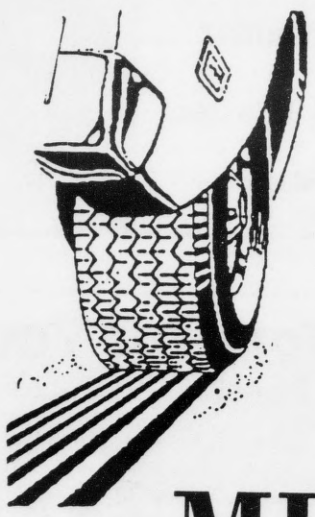

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that there is a price for their bigotry.

Robin Tyler, a tour promoter who planned a Ski Week comedy night during Gay Ski Week as a fundraiser for the April March on Washington, originally held back supporting any boycott of that event. But she's pulling out of Ski Week now. In fact, she just testified before the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in support of Britt's pro-boycott resolution.

Tyler says that although she's "deeply pained that the boycott will hurt the gay/lesbian community," she remembers the words of South African Black activist Nelson Mandela, who, when asked about the boycott against South Africa harming his people, replied "It'll hurt us more if you don't."

According to Tyler, the right wing has chosen to test the waters in Colorado. "It'll be tried out in other states," she says. The way to teach them a lesson? Hit them where it hurts most—in the pocketbook. "I don't see how anyone can go or ski there," says Tyler, "even though we have empathy for our lesbian and gay brothers."

Tyler says that the boycott is not the fault of the gay/lesbian/bisexual community, but rather of the bigots who passed Amendment 2. "The gay/lesbian/bisexual community is not the perpetrators, we're the victims."

The city of Aspen, meanwhile, is trying its best to convince the queer community and the world that it is not bigoted. A coalition of private and governmental folks placed an ad in the *New York Times*, stating that it will not tolerate discrimination against "any human being for whatever reason and no law will make us act otherwise."

But that coalition has dissolved, and its chair, former Aspen Mayor Bill Stirling, says he will put together a political group to help repeal Amendment 2.

NO PARTIAL SANCTIONS

Terry Schleder, an organizer of the boycott, says that she believes the effort is "snowballing." Like Tyler, she also justifies the boycott, even though it will affect Ski Week, by bringing in the South Africa metaphor.

"Partial sanctions against South Africa didn't work," Schleder says. "Partial sanctions against Colorado won't work." She adds that the queer community nationally and in Colorado is realizing that "the short-term pain" caused by the boycott "pales in comparison to the long-term effect."

"We have to fight back with all our power, including our economic power," she says. "Our line from the beginning has been that we're not singling out Gay Ski Week. We're singling out the state of Colorado."

So are the forces of bigotry. In an effort to counter the boycott, Barbara Sheldon, chair of the Colorado Traditional Values Coalition, is asking her fellow citizens to send "scenic" postcards to friends in other locations, encouraging them to visit the state. "I think this is just a grassroots campaign, and I think that it will spread by word of mouth," Sheldon says. Funny that Sheldon has the same surname as the Rev. Lou Sheldon, founder of the first TVC in Anaheim, Calif.

Speaking of the Anaheim bigot, Rev. Sheldon's group is beginning to marshal forces for an Amendment 2-type initiative in California.

In a recent letter to supporters, Sheldon writes: "There is no guarantee that a campaign such as this one will succeed. But the greatest danger is not doing anything at all."

It's obvious that scarier days are ahead. ✿

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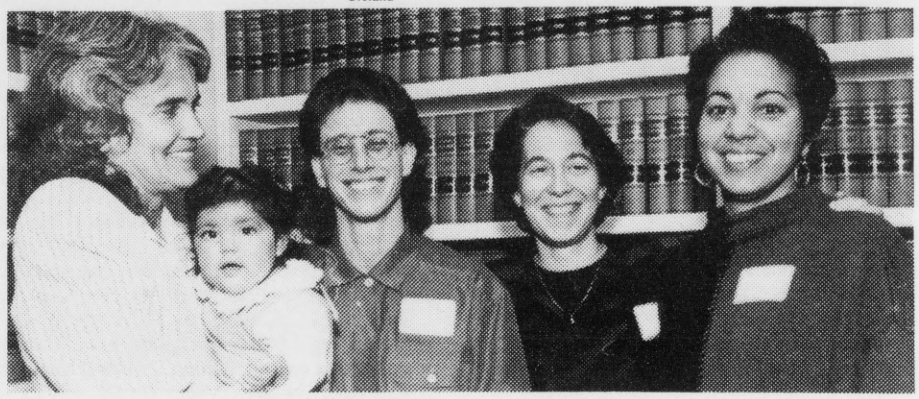
NCLR Hires Legal Director, Looks to Expand Services

by Val C. Phoenix

The National Center for Lesbian Rights welcomed its new legal director on Dec. 9 at a public reception. Abby Abinanti, previously in private practice and a member of NCLR's Lesbian of Color Committee, became the legal director on Dec. 1. She succeeds Maria Gil de la Madrid as Legal Director and director of the Lesbians of Color Project.

NCLR Executive Director Liz Hendrickson introduced Abinanti at the reception to an audience that included Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, and Judge Donna Hitchens. The program included the screening of an educational in-progress video on filing emergency health-care documents.

Looking forward to the coming year, Hendrickson told *SF Bay Times*, "It's a time of growth. We've spent the last few years finishing up the process of moving from being a sponsored project to becoming a national program, sort of standing on our own two feet." She said NCLR hopes to expand services on three fronts: the Lesbian of Color Project, community education and public policy.



The staff at the Nat'l Center for Lesbian Rights (l-r): New Legal Director Abby Abinanti, with her 10-month-old baby, Emma; new Board Co-Chairs Diane Sabin and Cynthia Goldstein; and Julie Randolph (past Board chair). Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Abinanti told *SF Bay Times* that she is hoping to expand services, as well. "The organization has a long history of doing good in our community. We're in a growth mode. I think our next year or two will see an increase in lawyers." In addition to directing the legal program, she is also responsible for setting up the cooperative attorney program, and she said she would like to enlarge the pool of attorneys who provide co-counsel.

Abinanti, a Yurok, was the first California Indian licensed to practice in California. She had been in private practice specializing in dependency law and Indian law, and trained tribal court judges and advocates. Hendrickson said she feels Abinanti's legal experience and training skills would be valuable in training new lawyers, and expanding the legal program with new lawyers and law students.

Abinanti will also direct the Lesbian of Color Project, which is currently engaged in providing services to clients in Spanish, printing a newsletter in Spanish, and starting educational workshops, which Abinanti said had been held in Florida and Texas on such issues as immigration and durable power of attorney.

Hendrickson said that the project's "work in the Latina and Asian lesbian communities put us in touch with those communities as international communities." She cited an example about a group of students in Japan who have filed a public accommodation suit and are seeking advice from NCLR on American case law in that area.

On the educational front is the video, which includes comments by Sharon Kowalski, and which should be available in the next two months. When completed, it will serve as a tool to demystify the legal process. Using the video with the proper forms, said Hendrickson, one could obtain a durable power of attorney. "You just fill out the forms and be done with it." ✿

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Marky, Calvin, and their fans: (Top bubble) Jonah Papesh (l) and Sylvain Bitton; (Bottom bubble) Michael Hampton (l) and Bruce Lindstrom. Photos by Dave Ford

Marky Mark At Macy's

by Dave Ford

The fact that 21-year-old rapper Marky Mark is a gorgeous hunka-hunka who churns out ferocious raps is not in particular dispute among fans lined up to have their Calvin Klein purchases autographed by him and the 50-year-old designer at a Dec. 12 SF Macy's in-store appearance.

Tony Bruno, 36, husky and grey-flecked in a sweater and jeans, arrived at 6 am to secure the first place in line. "I admire Marky Mark's music, and his appeal to people that we're all one, and no one should be judged," Bruno says. Yeah, but does he admire the rapper's music or body more? "His body," Bruno says sheepishly. Later, he has me amend that to "his body *and* his music." And was it cold outside in line? "The thought of Marky Mark kept us hot," the SF administrative assistant laughs.

A fan from Pleasanton named Melissa, 16, says, "Marky Mark's music is inspirational. He's a good rapper, he has a good body, and he's positive." But come on: Which does she like more, his music or his body? "His music," says the bespectacled teen. "If he were ugly, it wouldn't matter." Says Josh Evans, 21: "I like Marky Mark because he's the only young male celebrity who's really gay-positive—and he's fun to look at." Says Sylvain Bitton, 12: "I want a body like Marky's." Adds his friend, Jonah Papesh, 12: "He's strong. And girls like his body." Sylvain: "Yeah—it attracts women."

In fact, on this Saturday, it attracts a polyglot San Francisco crowd of about 500: teenage girls with high-sprayed hair, longhairs in leather jackets, journalists and, of course, the requisite quota of gay men. The lucky first 200 arrivees wait in a chained-off line for their ten seconds with the icons. A cute guy in black jeans plies them with Klein product from a cigarette-girl-style tray. The rest of the crowd mills in two barricaded pens directly across from a raised platform, on which a flat black table and two round-backed, cushioned chairs await the stars. Yellow-jacketed security guards gaze sternly at the spectators. Video monitors show Marky Mark videos and the controversial Calvin Klein TV ads (during which Mark intones he's not "doing no more Fruit of the Looms"). At first patiently, then restlessly, the throng endures a series of endless chattery interludes from Macy's personnel and a local DJ.

Noon comes and goes; so does 12:30. Fifteen minutes later—45 minutes late—the girls (*all* of them) start screaming and the room's buzz level skyrockets. Down the escalator comes a flock of women and children, then a brace of security guards. And then, dressed in Calvin Klein baseball cap, an oversized white Calvin Klein T-shirt over oversized jeans, and toting a brown leather backpack, Marky Mark slouches down the stairs. Incidentially to most of the crowd, so does Calvin Klein, smiling and sporty in blazer, gray shirt and jeans.

The entourage bustles through the pandemonium of flashbulbs and TV lights and teenybop shrieks. Mark grasps fans' hands and mumbles and mugs for cameras. Your intrepid correspondent can honestly report that, to the hand's touch, Marky Mark's shoulder is, as you'd imagine, solidly muscular. Admirably so. Galvanizingly so. *Arousingly* so. He can also report that Mark's security goons are right bastards, unafraid to manhandle an unthreatening, notebook-wielding gay correspondent as though he were a crazed killer. But then—that's showbiz.

Klein and Mark take the stage and field questions scribbled by fans on file cards. One fan has written that Mark has a "hellafine body"; Klein, who loves to talk about his wife and kids in interviews, smiles, "I agree."

The rest of the questions are the typical: When are you touring? When's the next album coming out? They are not the atypical: Why'd the new album stiff? How much are you getting paid to do this? Is it true, as rumored, that Klein can't wait to sever your six-month contract because you're such a pain to work with? Or the one that Nicki, 15, wanted to ask: "Do you have Calvin Klein underwear on?" Or the one Theresa Smith, 17, wanted to ask: "Would you ever make love to a fan?" Or the one Jon Kirk, 26, wanted to ask: "Are you flattered by the number of men here to see you?" Or the one Lee Albert, 27, wanted to ask: "Does your mother know?" Shawn Bisesi, 22, simply wanted to tell Calvin: "Your designs are going on, and your taste in boys is as good as your creations."

But Mark does answer one pressing question, pitched by your intrepid correspondent: "Marky, does this mean you never, ever, *ever* wear Fruit of the Loom underwear any more?" Mark smiles, tosses off a Reaganesque shrug, and drawls, "Awww, I ain't gonna say, when I'm sittin' here next to Calvin Klein." Klein smiles. (Mark showed a reporter in the recent *In Fashion* that he wears Hanes briefs under his Calvin boxers.)

Chatfest over, the two get down to business. The Lucky 200 flock past, one by one, accepting a word or two and an autograph from the stars. Not unexpectedly—though it's a pleasant surprise—Klein and Mark are personable, friendly, and completely open both to chatting with, and autographing objects offered by, the crowd behind the barricades. I ask Mark if he remembers talking to the *SF Bay Times* earlier this year; he says he does, and that he "enjoyed it." Klein tells me that, contrary to Macy's claims of exclusivity ("This is the only signing like it in the world," an officious suit had proclaimed earlier), there'll be a similar autograph session in New York.

Watching the two work from ten feet away offers an opportunity to get a feel for each person. perhaps just a tinge of sarcasm, says, "So far, it's great." He encourages fans behind the barricades to pass up magazines, posters, pictures and bits of paper, which he gamely signs and passes on to Marky to do the same. He's *awfully* friendly; jokes about the Ecstasy kicking in are floated, then banished.

An hour after it begins, it's all over; at least half the crowd has dispersed. Those remaining line the barricades for a reverse enaction of the day's entrance. Mark clasps hands, smiles, thanks the *SF Bay Times* again, and disappears up the escalator in a security bubble that also protects the smiling Klein. Another hour with fans, another kajillion dollars. As a Macy's spokeswoman says once they're gone, "Everyone should shop at Macy's at least once during the Christmas season! It's an American tradition!"

Michael Hampton, the design student, later says that before entering the limousine parked outside Macy's, Marky Mark doffed his shirt and tossed it to the shrieking mob. Moments later, Mark rolled down the limo window and tossed out his baseball cap. "My friend Mark caught it," Hampton reports, "And all these girls chased him down the street, tackled him and tried to steal the hat."

But then—hat's showbiz. ✿

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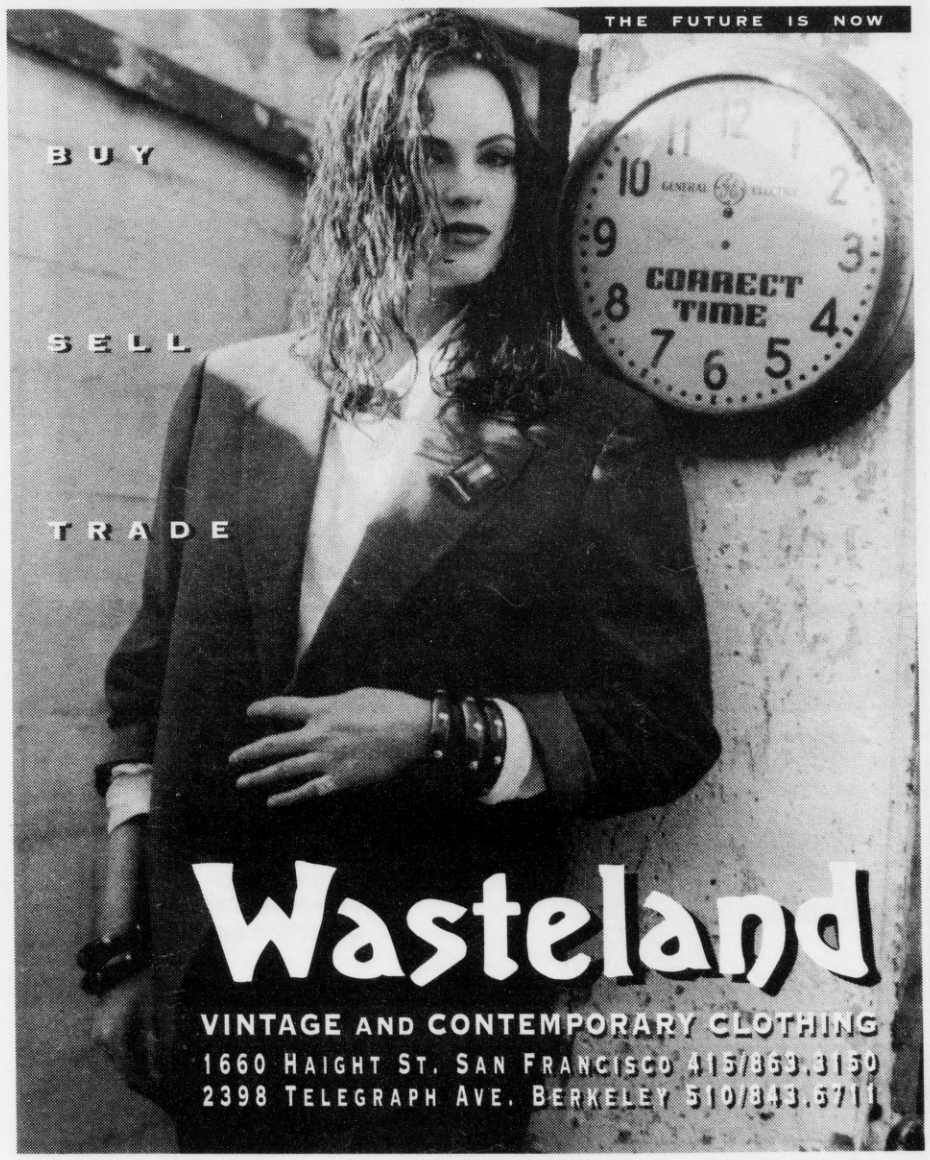

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CTC Takes on Viacom

by Tim Kingston

San Francisco's Community Television Corporation (CTC) is girding to battle Viacom Corporation for control of Channel 25—the City's only community-access TV channel. On Dec. 12 CTC, a nonprofit organization formed in 1987 to manage Channel 25, called a planning meeting at which over 40 producers, viewers and community media activists plotted a strategy to wrest control of Channel 25 from Viacom.

"To me, the main issue is who manages public-access TV in San Francisco," says Jesse Drew, a boardmember of CTC, and a producer of the independent "Paper Tiger" TV program. But, so far, Drew says CTC has made little headway in its efforts. He says, "Viacom has a vested interest against a successful public-access system." Drew asserts Viacom is not interested in promoting public-access TV, because it does not make money for Viacom. "They want people to watch the home-shopping network and HBO. Most industry analysts estimate they make $500,000 to $1 million a year out of each channel [they control]," says Drew. Thus the very existence of Channel 25 is a financial irritant to Viacom.

Zane Blaney, organizer of the Dec. 12 meeting to wrest control of Channel 25 from Viacom Corp. Photo by Rink

The creators of "Paper Tiger" are not the only ones interested in greater community control of Channel 25. "Sparks"—formerly "Electric City"—a gay TV program run by Sandy Mack, has also been embroiled in constant conflict with the management of Viacom. Mack says issues range from complaints about the low technical quality of the broadcast equipment Viacom makes available, to censorship battles over the gay/lesbian content of the "Electric City" programs.

To the amusement of those at the meeting, Mack told of receiving letters from Viacom demanding that there shall be "no more buttocks and no more testicular jostling" on the show. (Translated, that means a fully clothed male dancer grabbing his crotch.) Yet Razor Sharp, a rock music programmer on Channel 25, says she has male rock guitarists doing the same thing all the time—but without a single complaint from the station management.

Mack also alleges that "Electric City" has been canceled three separate times at Channel 6, another Viacom outlet, due to the "moral" qualms of station management over the lesbian/gay content of the program. Mack further charges that Viacom has repeatedly altered the program waiting list, inexplicably changing the placement of "Sparks."

Zane Blaney, CTC's only full-time employee, says the final straw that prompted him to organize the Dec. 12 meeting was Viacom's demand for a gag order on activists, in exchange for giving them limited control over the station. Blaney says that at the end of an otherwise amicable negotiating session in early December, Viacom submitted a proposal that stated, "Contract shall be considered by Viacom for termination if... (3) the corporation [CTC], or any of its Board or staff, take a position contrary to Viacom's approval or interests."

"We worked with Viacom to be reasonable, and then we are presented at the eleventh hour with a contract that says we can't speak our mind!" says Blaney.

Another bone of contention between local public-access producers and Viacom is the 130-strong waiting list to get shows on the air. Viacom's proposed solution is to kick all producers now airing shows off the air to make way for those on the waiting list. That proposal sticks in the craw of both those threatened with cancellation and those now on the waiting list.

Herb Kaplan, a CTC boardmember and communications professor at San Francisco State University, warned those present at the meeting not to fall for the divide-and-conquer tactics of Viacom. He suggested that part of the campaign against Viacom include a demand for a substantial expansion of broadcast hours for Channel 25, instead of removing programs from the airwaves. Channel 25 currently only broadcasts on weeknights and a few hours over the weekend.

The media activists at the Dec. 12 meeting also set up an organizing committee and set in motion a postcard and letter-writing campaign directed at the Board of Supervisors. The meeting came up with a long list of demands that include requests for new equipment, extended programming hours, expanded workshops for programmers, basic management accountability, local programming preference, coherent programming, more funding help, handicapped access to the studios and the release of viewer ratings to program producers. One sarcastic programmer also requested some Viacom staff "with a personality and a pulse."

Darryl Vance, one of those present, said after the meeting, "To me, this is a First Amendment issue. It is about companies controlling what people see. It is a battle that has been going on for years and will always go on."

For further information, call Zane Blaney at the CTC offices, 621-4224.

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Clinton Renews Pledge on Gays in the Military

BALIF Forum Predicts Life Under President Clinton

by Rachel Timoner

For many lesbians, gay men and bisexuals, Bill Clinton is the first president we voted for. At the very least, he's the first president we voted for whom we believed might actually have a positive effect on our lives. For some of us, he'll be the last president we can vote for. Within our communities, that combination has raised hopes and expectations astronomically regarding the politician and his new administration.

Clinton has already demonstrated that he is prepared to include gays, lesbians, bisexuals, people with AIDS and our issues in his platform, his message and his administration. He has promised us more than we have ever been promised. In contrast to the meager offerings of the last 12 years of tyranny, it's certainly heady stuff.

But are we to believe all that he promises? Are our expectations unrealistic? Are we losing that skeptical edge that keeps us ready to act and react? Or is it healthy to bask in our new access to power?

Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF), the gay/lesbian/bisexual attorneys' association of the Bay Area, sponsored a panel discussion on Dec. 8 to air many of these questions and to address the queer movement's changing role in national politics. About 65 people attended the discussion, which was led by three panelists: Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, who also served as Northern California co-chair of Clinton's campaign; Liz Hendrickson, the Executive Director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights; and Paul Di Donato, the Director of Public Policy of the AIDS Legal Referral Panel.

Achtenberg began the conversation by stating her belief that the written and verbal commitments Clinton made to the lesbian, gay and bisexual community are "engraved in stone."

"I'm not blind to his weaknesses," said Achtenberg. "But Bill Clinton is loyal to his friends. This community has been good to him, and for a whole host of reasons, I don't think that will be forgotten," she said, citing a statistic that one out of every seven votes Clinton received nationwide came from lesbian, gay and bisexual voters.

Among the promises that Achtenberg counts as certainties are that Clinton will lift the ban on lesbians and gay men in the military, that he will support and sign the lesbian and gay civil rights bill currently in Congress, and that he will declare a "real war" on AIDS, including appointing an AIDS czar.

Achtenberg added that she had received a telephone call from Clinton several days before the BALIF forum, in which the president-elect assured her that the military ban would be lifted by April and that most of the pieces of what she described as "really a cutting edge" AIDS policy would be in place by the same month.

Though she was unwilling to comment about whether she is interested in a Clinton administration appointment, Achtenberg did say that she expects the queer community "to enjoy some significant appointments, and would be more than disappointed if we did not."

As the discussion turned to the subject of appointments, Hendrickson explained the work that she's been doing with the Gay and Lesbian Community's Presidential Transition Project, a committee comprised of representatives from the 15 national lesbian, gay, and AIDS organizations, which is designed to funnel lesbian and gay resumes to Clinton's transition team.

Hendrickson described the project's efforts as threefold: to find as many qualified lesbian and gay applicants for appointments as possible, to encourage lesbians and gay men to consider working for Clinton, and to lobby the transition team to pick the queers. Hendrickson said the project is also lobbying for certain straight appointees whose selection would benefit lesbian and gay people and people with AIDS.

Hendrickson estimated that Clinton will make about 5,000 appointments, ranging from high-level cabinet posts to less glamorous administrative positions. She guessed that "a handful" of queers would be appointed to the high-level administration jobs, and as many as a 200 out queers would be appointed in all. "We have a potential here for opening a door we will never have to close again," she said.

Di Donato predicted that on the AIDS front Clinton will fully fund the Ryan White Care Act; will stop mandatory HIV testing in the Peace Corps, the Job Corps and the Foreign Service; will remove immigration restrictions on people with HIV; will appoint an AIDS czar who will not be a person with HIV or a lesbian or gay person; will end many of the restrictions on HIV prevention programs and HIV-related research; will make a major initiative on tuberculosis through the Centers for Disease Control; and will work through the Department of Housing and Urban Development to establish housing for people with AIDS.

While Di Donato agreed that many of Clinton's actions with and on behalf of lesbians, gays, bisexuals and people with AIDS will be unprecedented, he focused his comments on some of the challenges the AIDS movement faces and some of the adjustments it must make as we make the transition into the new administration.

Di Donato said that because much of what Clinton has promised for the fight against AIDS is very vague, and because AIDS activists will be "competing against other, very real health concerns in the midst of a major budget crisis," there will still be an important place for AIDS activism. At the same time, he argues against painting Bill Clinton as the enemy.

"Now we're not just in constant scream mode. We have to let go of some of those tactics to figure out what our voice should be," Di Donato said. "Anybody who argues that AIDS activism should be put on a shelf and it's time to put on a suit and go to Washington is crazy. But I, for one, would not like to see ashes being thrown on the White House lawn on March 1st."

Di Donato's message was echoed by both Achtenberg and Hendrickson, as all three grappled with how our movements should be adapting to the new administration and this unprecedented access to power.

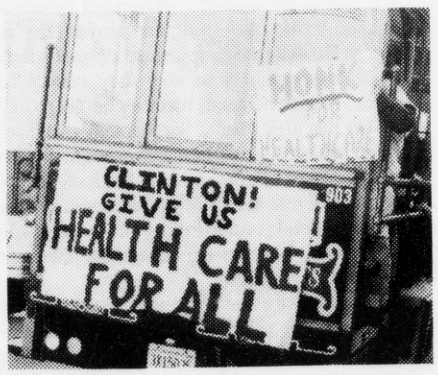
"The challenge is defining new rules of engagement," Achtenberg said. "Are we now required to speak in one voice, or do some of us do one thing while others do another? Obviously we're going to want to exert pressure from the outside when something goes wrong, but we do want to be cautious about screaming before we've been struck."

All three urged that queer and AIDS activists continue to work against our enemies and together for our collective needs.

"Right now, Bill Clinton is not the enemy. The right wing is the enemy. Let's start by identifying enemies we can all agree on," Di Donato said.

"Even if he does everything he's promised to do, it's still a drop in the bucket compared to what needs to be done. Even if he does it all in the first 100 days, it will be important, but the impact it will have on our everyday lives will be miniscule compared to the work we do through our own community," Achtenberg said.

Those interested in applying for a position in the Clinton administration should send a cover letter and resume to The Gay and Lesbian Community's Presidential Transition Project, 1012 14th St., NW, #707, Washington, D.C. 20005. Indicate whether you are seeking a position in the realm of Defense, Economy, Justice, Health or Government (meaning none of the above). ✿



"Honk for health care" cable car traveled around SF to promote a national health care plan for all. Photo by Rink

Mea Culpa

SF Bay Times wishes to correct a few errors that were made in the Dec. 3 issue:

- The **Shanti Project**'s main offices and organizational activities remain located at 525 Howard Street.
- **Good Vibrations** store is located at 1210 Valencia Street.
- The article on atrocities at Vacaville Prison was written by Tim Kingston.
- The letter to the editor by Paul Foster, M.D., which began on page 3, continued on page 24.

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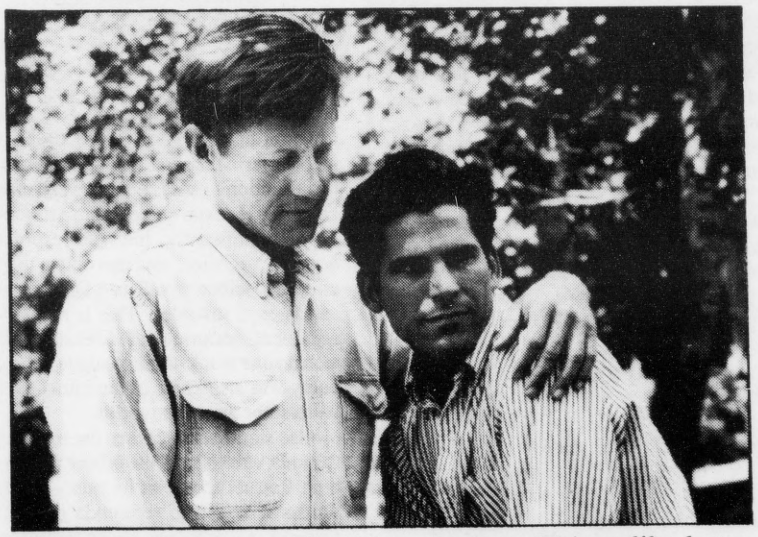

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news feature

Transsexual Rights and Others

by Rachel Pollack

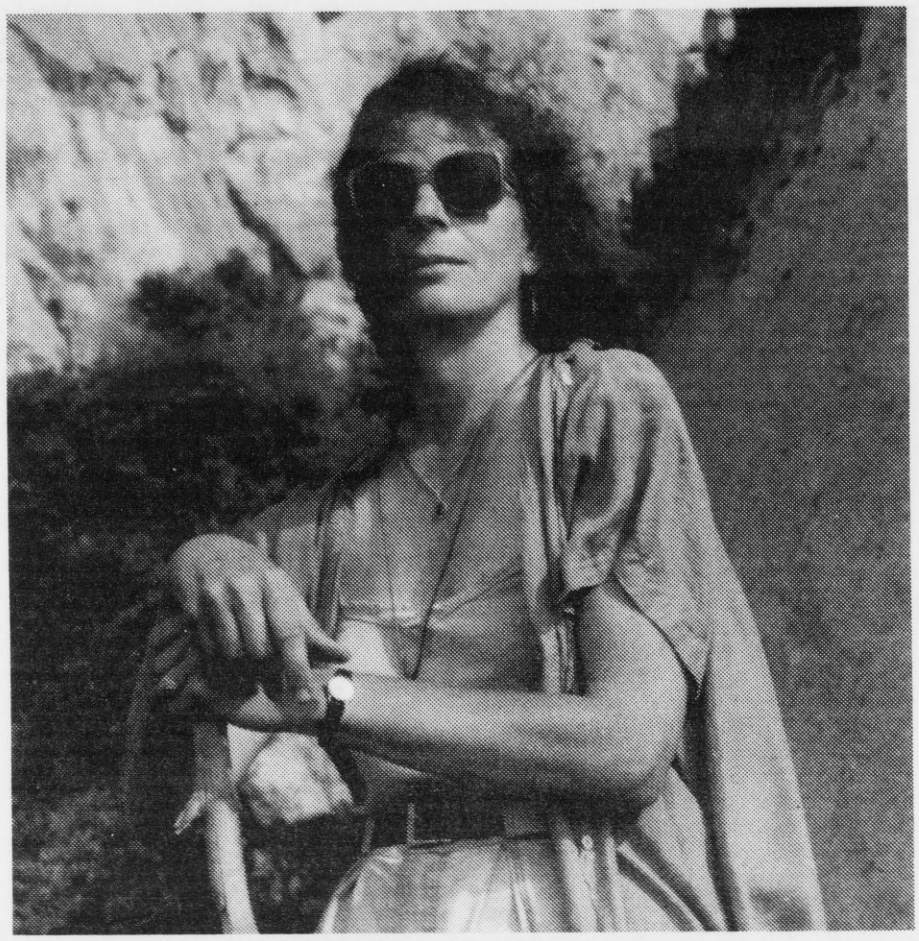
Friday, Dec. 11, 1992. Blizzards and floods on the East Coast. Shouting and controversy on the West.

After days of hearing about crises in San Francisco, of phone calls from friends on different sides, I decided to settle into the great storm of '92, and watch television. *Picket Fences* came on, promising "a teacher with a secret. And what a secret!" Sure enough, the small-town teacher, beloved in the community, turns out to be transsexual, or, as one character puts it, "Louise Talbot is a man." The story is impeccable. Both the law, and the moral judgment of the scriptwriters, come down unequivocally on Louise's side. The parents who try to force her out of her job, and then withdraw their children from the Christmas pageant until Louise agrees not to take part, receive their comeuppance when the children conspire to change the script of the pageant and denounce their parent's "bigamy" (quickly corrected to "bigotry"). The parents, too, then realize their mistake and joyously join Louise in singing "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," presumably realizing we are all just sinners protected by God's love, so what's all the fuss?

Reading the letters in the *SF Bay Times*, reading Kate Bornstein's article, "A Plan for Peace," (Dec. 3), and hearing of the angry reactions, it is hard, four times zones away, not to wonder why we cannot all just hold hands and sing something or other, maybe Cris Williamson's "The Changer and the Changed," and then go on with our lives. And yet—it is just as hard not to get caught up in the anger, not to want to strike back when people write sneering letters, or throw women out of organizations they helped to create, or when a woman gets expelled from a festival in the middle of the night, because, like Louise Talbot, she is "really" a man.

Kate calls for a cease-fire. Between whom? Who is it exactly who's fighting? The transsexuals and the lesbians? Who are these people? Where are the boundaries between them? If you have two people, anatomically female, and both pass as men, but one of them calls herself a lesbian, a "passing woman," and the other calls herself a transsexual man, what is the difference between them? The only difference that makes sense is their own definition of themselves. How could I, or anyone else, argue with that? On what possible grounds—other than arrogance or prejudice—could I say to the self-defined transsexual, "You're wrong, you're really a lesbian, why are you denying it?" or to the self-defined lesbian, "Come on, you know you're a transsexual, you just don't want to admit it"?

What is a "transsexual?" For some people, it means a man who wishes to become a woman (people rarely think of it the other way around). For this group, people stop being transsexual once they have surgery. Others think of a "transsexual" as someone who has had surgery. Still others, among them some who identify themselves as transsexuals, see the term as applying to people who have left the boundaries of male and female, who either combine the two main categories, or else partake of neither.



Rachel Pollack: Her gender is not a matter of public debate.

Along with the confusion attached to the term there is another problem (at least for me) with the word "transsexual." It was coined by a doctor to describe a pathology in what he considered his male patients. If I resist the brainwashing that tells me I am a pathology and not a person, if I reject surrendering my life to psychiatrists and other supposed experts, then perhaps I should reject the word "transsexual" as well. When I come out to people, I often find I do not know what term I can use to describe who I am, what the point of the revelation is. Usually, I fall back on "transsexual" and I will continue to use it in this article, because it is the word people know. It is a word they think they understand.

On *Picket Fences*, the character representing the side of bigotry uses the medical argument against Louise and her psychiatrist supporter, forcing the psychiatrist (who happens to be his wife) to admit that the very word "transsexual" is a medical term for a mental disorder, and therefore, by definition Louise cannot be entrusted to teach children. He even quotes from a psychiatric textbook. Significantly, his wife responds that the book is "archaic," and that only a few years ago an earlier edition would have listed homosexuality as a mental disorder. This is meant to squelch argument, because in the liberal world of television no one would think to suggest that homosexuality was a sickness of the mind. Would that it were so in the wide world.

Also significantly, when the bigot/hero begins to doubt what he and the others have done regarding Louise, the point he raises is that such attitudes have led to referenda in Colorado and Oregon to legalize discrimination against homosexuals. To those of us within these battles it may be vitally important to distinguish between homosexual, transsexual, transvestite, transgender, androgyny, passing women, butch and femme, intersex, and so on, but to the queer bashers we're all in it together. Outlaws of gender, as Kate Bornstein might say.

"WOMAN IDENTIFIED WOMAN"

And yet, definitions matter. The right to define ourselves, on our own terms, is fundamental, even, at times, basic to life. For without that, we cease to exist; we become whatever anyone else says about us. In Stokely Carmichael's words, "The first need of a free people is to define their own terms." For me, my liberation began when I recognized the most basic fact about my life, that I am a woman. I am not a sick man, a deluded man, a castrated man, a man who wants to be a woman, or any other kind of man. I am a woman.

Here again, I find the word "transsexual" misleading. It implies crossing from one sex to another. Like many transsexual women (not all, and I honor those who see themselves differently), when I look back on my life I realize I have always been female. The change that I made happen 22 years ago was not a change from one sex to another, but rather a change from denial and hiding to a life of openness and joy.

Stripped of all analysis, all argument and justification, I will dare to make one claim for myself. I know who I am. I do not know this because of external proof, or any logic, and obviously not because society has told me so. I know it as an awareness of self that goes all the way down, that cannot be isolated or separated from the rest of me. I did not undergo surgery to change my identity, or because I hated my body, but rather as an act of love, of passion, a recognition that the body itself desired to change.

I am a woman. Because I look for love from other women, I am also a lesbian. Because I arrange my life primarily around my relationships with other women, I could probably describe myself with the old expression, "woman-identified woman." If I arranged my life so that no men intruded on it at all, I would be a separatist. I choose not to do this, and therefore I am not a separatist.

Clearly, some people would take issue with my saying these things. From my point of view, they can think whatever they want privately, but when they try to argue with my identity as a matter of public policy or doctrine, then we have trouble. They are acting, it seems to me, from several mistaken assumptions. The first is that I am asking them to approve of me. That I am saying, "I feel myself to be a woman. Please say you accept me." To whatever extent I actually do this, I am surrendering my sovereignty over my own life.

And yes, this does happen. Oppressed people will often look to their oppressors for approval. Some women will defer to men in social situations. Not so long ago the highest compliment a man could pay to a woman was to tell her, "You think like a man." And many transsexual women still consider it flattery when someone tells them "I never would have guessed. You look just like a real woman." But it is one thing for me to struggle to avoid asking non-transsexuals to approve of me. It is quite another for the non-transsexuals to *assume* that I am asking for approval and then to decide whether or not they should give it.

A VOTED ON IDENTITY

This mistake is fundamental—the idea that other people have a vote on my identity. That my gender is a matter of public debate, with the final word belonging to non-transsexuals—by the very virtue of their being non-transsexual. That by some perverse logic, I am the one person who does *not* have a vote.

I know of situations where this has happened. Some years ago I was teaching a week-long workshop in a women's school in the Danish countryside. During the week one of the women told me of an incident that had taken place in the women's camp set up every summer on an island near Copenhagen. It was discovered that one of the campers was transsexual. Rather than having security guards throw her out at 1:00 in the morning, they decided to hold a meeting. After a heated discussion, they took a vote on whether or not she was a woman, with the decision going against the transsexual woman, who then had to leave. Apparently, the clinching argument ran something like, "People should not try to change the way God made them." The woman who told me this story (she had worked at the camp for several years but finally left, this incident being one of the reasons) expressed astonishment that lesbians should make such an argument. I pointed out to her that even more astonishing was the idea that this woman's identity should be a question of democratic decision.

(I might add that during my week at the school, a woman strode up to me on the path and demanded to know if I was a man. I gave her the only possible answer, which was "No." She went on to comment on my deep voice, and I pointed out to her that my voice was what it was. She further told me that this was a matter of great personal importance to her, as if I might somehow sympathize with her rudeness once I knew that she was not being flippant.)

I know all the arguments as to why I "cannot" be a woman. All the common-sense points, all the political ones, the sociological ones, and on and on (though occasionally new ones, breathtaking in their convolution, will still arise). One specious advantage of being in an oppressed group is that you learn, all too well, the assumptions and ideas of your oppressors. And I certainly know all the counter-arguments. However, I do not intend to address them here. The whole discussion proceeds from that same mistaken assumption—that other people have a vote on my identity, that I am required to convince them of my existence before I can be allowed to exist.

If anyone should doubt who is the oppressor and who the oppressed in the conflict between transsexual women and "separatists" who object to them, if anyone should question who has privilege, they need only look at this disparity. When transsexual women seek to attend women's events, who is it that gets to decide?

No one in the women's movement demands that non-transsexual women prove they're women. No one in the movement demands they answer arguments as to why they cannot be women. No one demands that they be "convincing," or that they "pass," or that they avoid acting too feminine, or not feminine enough. No one judges whether or not they sound or look acceptable. No one tells them that they are confused victims of social conditioning and sex role stereotyping. No one explains them away as "patriarchal constructs."

I am well aware that some of these things have been said in the past about non-transsexual lesbians. Indeed, in the early years of the women's movement, many non-lesbians wanted to exclude lesbians precisely on the grounds that lesbians were not women. This does not diminish the pain when people say the same things about transsexuals. Indeed, it increases the pain, for we expect that people who have been oppressed, either personally or historically, should learn to avoid doing the same to others. Sadly, what many people

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A DEFINING RIGHT

There can be few rights more central to a person's life than the right of self-definition. If you lose that, you can spend your whole life trying to fit into someone else's description of who you're supposed to be, without ever understanding what's wrong. People have committed suicide, overwhelmed by despair and guilt, because society has taken away their right to know and acknowledge who they are.

There are practical consequences, beyond the intimate and psychological. When whole groups lose their right to define themselves, they become targets, without the ability to fight back. We can look here at racial oppression, apartheid and similar situations. But in fact, we do not need to cite such classic examples. Sadly, there are enough instances with transsexuals ourselves. In England some years ago, radical feminist ideologues managed to convince the left wing of the Labour party that hatred of transsexuals was politically correct. As a result, transsexual women lost their jobs and in some cases their homes in localities run by Labour councils. A woman I know who made her living reading submissions to publishers lost a sizable portion of her livelihood when a feminist publisher fired her to avoid the embarrassment of having a transsexual working for their publishing house. The same woman was once beaten so badly by skinheads that she had to spend several weeks in the hospital. Politics may make strange bedfellows, but at some point people need to examine with just whom they are sleeping.

When the Women's Press started a science fiction line I was asked to submit something. I did, but in the interim someone had informed the editors that I was transsexual. They returned the book to my agent with the comment that they could not consider a book from a transsexual for fear of offending the women's movement. I told several of my friends about this. They were incensed, not just because of the definition of me as an offensive creature, but even more because the Women's Press presumed to take such action on *their* behalf. Eventually, under pressure from my agent, the Women's Press agreed to look at the book. They rejected it; whether on its merits or not, I cannot say.

When I first came out, as a transsexual and a lesbian, my non-transsexual friends applauded what I was doing. They saw my definition of myself as a woman and a lesbian as a repudiation of society's gender roles, and a demonstration that people were not controlled by their anatomy. I was living in England at the time, and was active in Women's Liberation and Gay Liberation. I lived there for six months and then had to return to the States for three months. When I returned to London, people who had described me as a dear friend and cried when I left now refused to speak to me or to allow me in their houses. I was told that transsexuality was no longer acceptable and I was now a pariah, simply by virtue of who I was. No one had consulted me or asked my opinion.

While it is painful to lose one's friends, particularly without having done anything to provoke them (I couldn't have done anything; I wasn't there when the shift took place; as far as I was concerned, it could have happened overnight), we can hardly demand that people be friends with us or invite us into their homes. Public events are another matter. In the autumn of 1972 my lover and I went to a women's conference in the London borough of Acton. At a certain point, a group of about five or six women came up to me and told me to leave. I refused, and my girlfriend voiced her support for my presence there. As a result, both of us were kicked and punched and literally thrown out the door. Kate Bornstein defines violence as "a non-consensual act upon someone's space or person," and considers it violent when transsexual lesbians expect admission at lesbian activities and groups. With all respect to Kate (and my respect for her is very high), violence is what happens when someone beats you up.

All of us have a right to define ourselves. No one has the right to define someone else. This means that even though I have the right to define myself in whatever way speaks truth for me, the one thing I cannot do is base that definition on the victimization of some other group. Germans in the 1920s had every right to define themselves by a concept called "Aryan." However, that did not give them the right to base the idea of "Aryan" on a definition of Jews and others as vermin requiring extermination.

Christians may define Christianity however they see fit—except when the definition requires that non-believers be burned at the stake. A couple of years ago in Tennessee a group of right wing Christians tried to ban a large number of books from school libraries. When the case came to court they claimed that their freedom of religion was endangered if the law prohibited the banning of these books. The judge told them they were being intolerant. Exactly, they said. Their religion required them to be intolerant. If they could not be intolerant, they could not freely practice their religion. Listening to talk radio these days, one often hears Christians calling in to say that their rights as *Christians* are being taken away. When pressed, they explain that they mean the right to prevent homosexuals from acquiring homes or jobs anywhere in their community.

Should the US military ban homosexuals because their presence makes non-homosexuals uncomfortable? Those who reject this idea often cite a precedent. When Harry Truman ordered the military to integrate Black and white soldiers, many white people objected that the presence of Blacks alongside them would make white soldiers uncomfortable. Today, most people would side with Truman that the comfort of whites could not take precedence over the basic rights of Blacks.

I should state that my quarrel as a transsexual woman is not with "separatism." As stated above, I am not a separatist myself; I would not want to give up the male friends I do have. They are important people in my life. However, what other women do in this regard is not my concern. Nor does it really bother me (speaking only for myself) that I am not welcome at the Michigan Festival, or the Denmark camp, or an Atlanta conference. For some years after Acton, I found my exile from radical feminism extremely painful. Over time, however, I recovered from the shock. I moved to Amsterdam and built up my life. (This is in no way meant as criticism of any woman, transsexual or otherwise, who bases her own life on the women's movement.)

No, my concern is not with separatism. Rather, I object to the reasons why non-transsexual separatists seek to ban me from their events—their claim that the events are open to all women, but not to me, because by their (unasked for) definition I am not a woman—their assumption that if they want to ban men they must automatically ban me as well—their expectation that if I want to go I must first prove to them that I am a woman—and above all, their belief that I am somehow asking them to verify my existence, that the decision of who or what I am rests entirely with them. ✿

Many Things I Am Not and a Few Things I Am

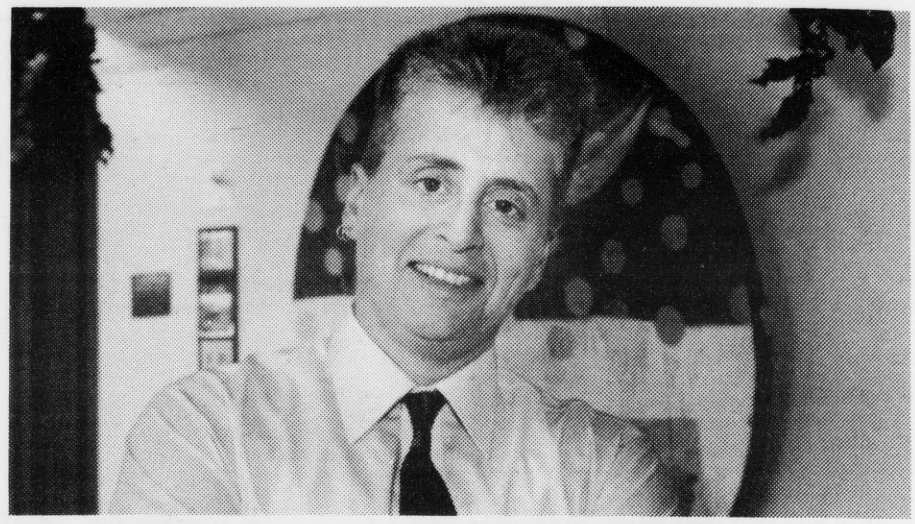
I am not male-to-female
I am not a sex change
I am not trapped in anybody's body
I am not courageous
I am not a victim
I am not a virtue
I am not an invasion
I am not an imitation
I am the daughter of my mother

I am not a sickness
I am not a joke
I am not a she-male
I am not a tragedy
I am not an invention
I am not a distortion
I am not a metaphor
I am not a mistake
I am the daughter of belief

I am ancient
I am the giver and receiver of gifts
I am constant desire
I am steady fulfillment

I am the real thing

—Rachel Pollack



"Passing woman" Leslie Feinberg. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Leslie Feinberg on Transgender Liberation

by Val C. Phoenix

"I am a woman," declared Leslie Feinberg, and a room of 150 people burst out in applause. Feinberg's statement, a simple declaration that most women take for granted and are never challenged on, had deep resonance for this crowd, many of whom could not take that statement for granted.

Feinberg spoke at the Women's Building on Dec. 13 and presented a slide show on "passing women" and transgenderism. Standing about 5' 8", dressed in a conservative suit, with close-cropped hair, and speaking in a husky, commanding voice, Feinberg proclaimed herself a passing woman—a woman who passes as a man. "I am a woman. That is my sex," she said. Opening her arms wide to display her body, she continued, "*This* is my gender expression." The perceived disparity between the two, she said, "is the struggle that shapes my life."

In her talk, Feinberg posed several challenges to commonly held ideas. The first was to explode the notion that sex and gender are synonymous. "Is this a man's suit if *I'm* wearing it?" she asked. She put forward the idea of a continuum of gender expression, from feminine to androgynous to masculine.

Feinberg made clear that her definition of transgender is just one definition, not *the* definition. "I am not transsexual," she said, "but I stand in solidarity with you. I'm talking about a non-transsexual aspect of transgender expression." She acknowledged the problem of using pronouns. But the theme of her talk was about the importance of self-definition and free gender expression.

Feinberg also stressed that sexual orientation and gender expression are not the same thing. She identifies as a transgendered lesbian, a member of two distinct, but partially overlapping communities. In fact, Feinberg said, most transgendered people are straight. The difference is lost on bigots who attack transgendered people assuming they're gay. Nevertheless, the challenge before her, she said, was to bridge the two communities. "I'm an old gay butch...Butchness for me is defined by my gender identity."

Feinberg, a member of Workers' World Party, which sponsored the program, offered a class-based analysis of transgender oppression, making the point that "pre-classed" societies respected and even honored the transgendered among them. The point is made more strongly in her pamphlet, *Transgender Liberation, a Movement Whose Time Has Come*.

Accompanying slides with commentary on transgendered figures throughout history, Feinberg traced this history back to 25,000 B.C., with mention of transgendered people playing roles in cultures among native North Americans, Africans and Asians.

Moving through to the present, Feinberg spoke of such disparate figures as the pirate Moll Cutpurse, born Mary Frith, and jazz musician Billy Tipton, who was born a woman, but lived as a man and married twice.

Feinberg also noted that Stonewall was in fact sparked by transgendered people: butches and drag queens, who served as the visible manifestation of the larger iceberg of the lesbian and gay community.

San Francisco was more than ready to hear what Feinberg had to say. The room, comfortably filled, contained a panoply of humanity that would surely give Pat Buchanan and Jesse Helms nightmares: an array of cross-dressers, transsexuals and queers of assorted gender identities. Moreover, they heard Feinberg call for solidarity between the lesbian/gay and the transgender communities, and a call for "these two powerful communities to unite."

The complexity of transgendered identities was pointed up by transsexual lesbian writer Kate Bornstein, whose story, "My Girlfriend Is Becoming the Man of My Dreams," had the crowd in hysterics. Bornstein's dilemma at being with a partner born a woman, but becoming a man, was rendered in a series of questions she asked about what this made *her*. She ticked off the possibilities: a lesbian with a man? two bisexuals? two heterosexuals? "You think *you're* confused," she said.

Feinberg's and Bornstein's speeches were peppered with spontaneous outbreaks of applause and a bit of testifying among the audience, as if to affirm the reality being spoken. It was mutual affirmation.

Feinberg was gratified by the response she received, standing in the auditorium, shaking hands and talking with people. She told *SF Bay Times*, "The audience was exactly the kind of diversity that we're talking about building a movement from. It's a stepping-stone to organizing that kind of movement. You had old gay butches, young women who identify as butch or femme, women who are not differently gendered, women who identify as lesbian feminists, gay men and even a few straight people." ✿

COMMUNITY FORUM

In Love With Kate

It was with great pleasure that I read Kate Bornstein's "Plan for Peace" (*SF Bay Times*, Dec. 3). Hers is a common-sense, minimalist approach to settling the lesbian separatist vs. transsexual controversy.

I fell in love with Kate when I first saw her on the "Donahue" show and have met her twice since. Each time I have just stood there tongue-tied and awe-struck, like some schoolgirl. The fact is that I

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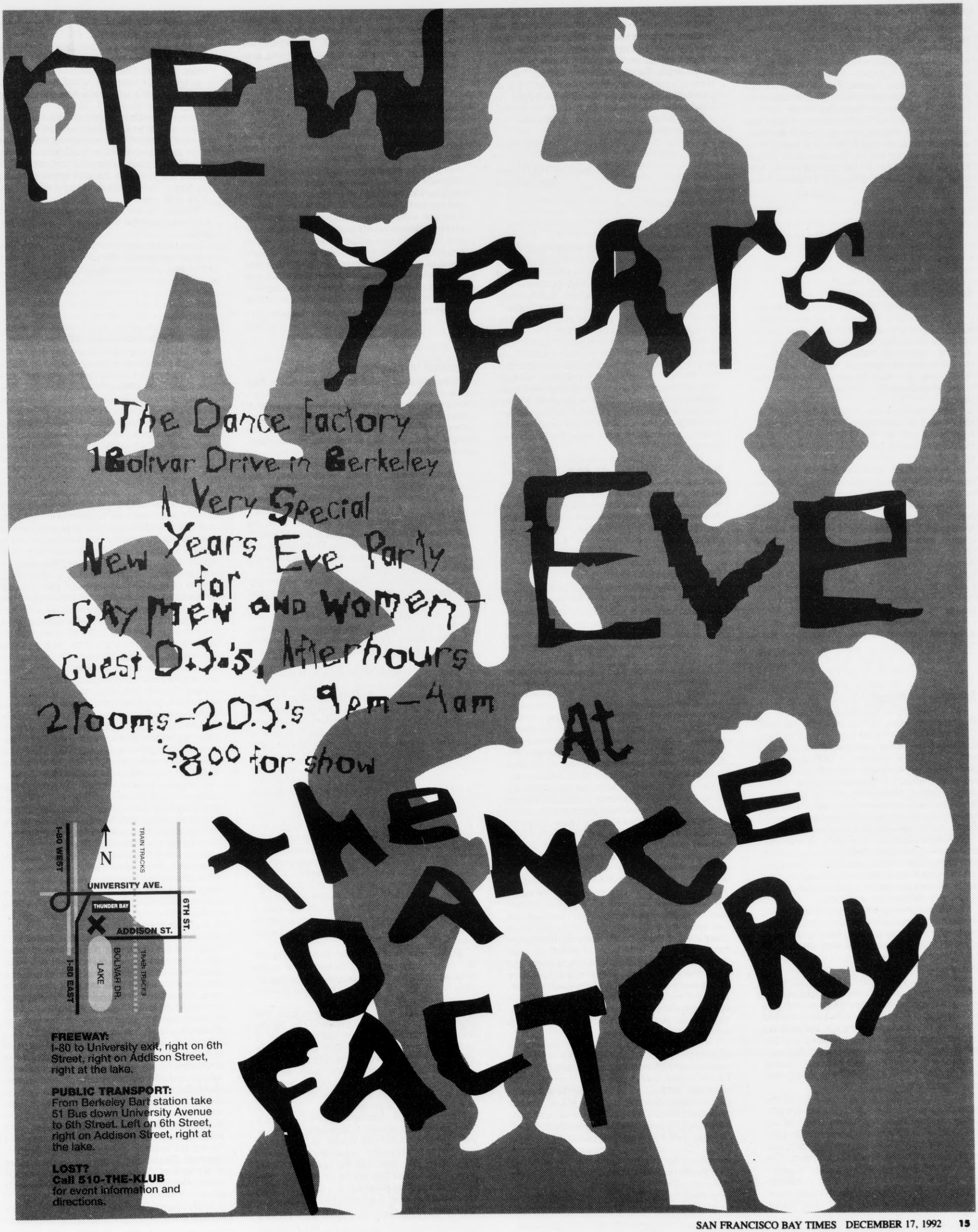
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admire her for her self-respect, pride and bearing and, as a result, I respect her immensely.

I do not seek to add anything else to the controversy surrounding lesbian transsexuals. All that can be said has been said and Kate—although I disagree with her on some points—has said it all very well indeed. I do not see a peace plan becoming reality inasmuch as there is no cohesive leadership on any side.

I feel, as Kate does, that I will not go where I am not welcome. Better yet, I feel no desire to associate with such unhealthy mental attitudes as those I have read and seen expressed by the separatists. People like that do not add to my life; they take away from it and would make me unhappy if I allowed them. Thank you, not.

Jennifer L. Farrar
Santa Cruz

Gender or Essence?

Thanks so much for your article by Kate Bornstein (''A Plan for Peace,'' Dec. 3). As a straight white male I really appreciate the information and insight of Kate Bornstein. One statement really got me thinking: ''If a woman can become a man, then women can no longer be oppressed, because any given woman may not really be one.'' The patriarchal leaders of this society need to hear that statement in stereo!

I found Ms. Bornstein's work to show great insight, sensitivity and diplomacy. Her desire to bring together and unify the ''warring'' factions of the lesbian community is to be admired. I hope she succeeds.

I am, however, saddened that Kate's article reminded me of how narrow-minded our society can be when your body gender alone is judged to be the most important yardstick of your life. This culture excludes what it doesn't understand and misses out on so much. It's such a silly thing to do when other cultures, such as the Native American people, have openly acknowledged gays in their society for thousands of years with no detriment to their existence. Gender was not as important as peace. When I get to know people, I don't think to ask them, ''What's your gender?'' but rather, ''What's your essence?''

By the way, Kate Bornstein bemoans the fact that transsexuals have no role model. They do now. Keep rockin' and rollin'!

Brian Ironhorse
San Francisco

Speaking for Myself

I am responding to Kate Bornstein's article, Plan for Peace'' (Dec. 3). Kate makes the statement, ''The letters flying back and forth between the transsexuals and the lesbian separatists are approaching violence.'' This is incorrect. A few letters—even passionate ones—in a public forum do not constitute violence. Further, I thoroughly resent such a characterization: it completely obscures and misrepresents the nature and tone of the debate. To anybody not familiar with the antecedent circumstances and issues, it gives entirely the wrong impression.

For Kate to talk about ''level heads'' is worse than erroneous—it's arrogant. Several times we activists have invited Kate to participate in the ongoing process of trying to get greater inclusion and recognition in the queer and women's communities. She has consistently declined our invitations.

Maybe Kate grew up with a sense of entitlement; however, in innumerable cases this is not so. Many transgendered women and men have been excluded all of their lives—excluded from all the usual male/female social events such as dating, sports, civic and church organizations, etc. Many have been victims of incest, physical and psychological terror and torture throughout childhood and adolescence. As a counselor, I have come across these conditions more times than I can count. Quite a few have had to drop out of school at a young age and go to the streets and try to survive in the sex industry. Is this kind of disenfranchisement ''privilege''? Ask transgendered prisoners at Vacaville ''Medical'' facility about privilege, when a prisoner with a 40-D bust size is denied even a bra!

Kate most assuredly does not speak for all the community any more than I do. However, her article suggests she is a major spokeswoman for us. As far as I can tell, she is barely involved with the transgender community. She makes some good points about dialogue with the separatist community. I'm in favor of that, but as to a ''cease fire,'' I wasn't aware anybody was ''shooting.'' A few people exchanging letters in a newspaper doesn't make a war to my way of thinking. There are major disagreements between us, definitely, but I think we have much more in common if we but scratch the surface and people become willing to look at their genderphobia. We're both oppressed groups.

Kate suggests we ''back off,'' as though it were all our doing. To say, ''roll over and die,'' is like blaming a rape victim. We are both told, ''It's all your fault.'' I know about that, I've been there. As I said before, Kate speaks for herself, not for me.

Kate, sister, I love you, you're beautiful, but please let me speak for myself.

In Service to the Baja Mata,
Christine Tayleur

Tenderloin Self-Help Center
San Francisco

P.S. Wonderful cover!

Much in Common

Kate Bornstein's article ''A Plan for Peace'' (Dec. 3) was, without question, the most intelligent and moving discussion of hostility between oppressed groups, its sources and what might be done to end it, that I have read in a very long time. She obviously has a deep understanding of the concept of ''other'' and all the destruction that its enforcement, even by one oppressed group against another, can cause.

One of the most refreshing aspects of Kate's essay was that it did not seek to lay too much blame on any one party in the transgender/lesbian separatist dispute. Rather it recognized, as we all must, that both sides have legitimate needs, that satisfaction of those needs need not necessarily be accomplished at the expense of the perceived ''other,'' and that all oppressed people have a much larger enemy against which we must direct our energy: the hetero-patriarchy.

I pray that the ideas so eloquently expressed by Kate will find their way into the minds and hearts not only of the transgendered and lesbian separatist women to whom she directly spoke, but also the many other factions of the great queer community that have failed to appreciate how much more they have in common than in conflict.

Laurie J. Falik
San Francisco

Our Identities As Women

As a male-to-female transsexual bi-dyke, I have been inspired and enlightened for years by Kate Bornstein's articulate, entertaining works of transgender activism. However, in my opinion, her recent article, ''A Plan for Peace'' (*SF Bay Times*, Dec. 3), does a profound disservice to MTF transsexual lesbians.

In a desperately needed but nonetheless misguided gesture toward reconciling the separatist and transsexual lesbian communities, Bornstein ceded ground to the separatists that was not hers to give away—that is, the ability to define what a woman is. She says that transsexuals are ''nothing short of violent'' when we demand inclusion in women-only spaces and that we should ''back off and stay off.'' She further asserts that to insist on fully entitled identities as women is a vestige of ''male entitlement.''

Her plan is politically naive. No transsexual lesbian I know is trying violently to insert herself into lesbian separatist/essentialist organizations, spaces or events. All the male-to-females I know, however, insist that they are women, and as such should be allowed access to women-only space. Some of us are willing to insist on our womanhood without hiding our transsexuality. Some of us refuse to allow one segment of the women's community the privilege to narrowly define the category ''woman'' based exclusively on their own particular experience of their gender. As other minority movements have said time and again, there are many kinds of women—even many kinds of lesbians. Other minority movements have also arrived at the point of protest, as some transsexual lesbians have now. To draw an analogy to the Black civil rights movement, some of us are sitting down at our version of the lunch counter, waiting for—demanding—equal treatment. This is unquestionably protest, but it's not violence. Bornstein does her sisters an injustice by discrediting such actions in the eyes of others.

I was shocked by her assertion that insisting on inclusion is a vestige of maleness. How often have assertive women been accused of acting like men? I would expect words to that effect from the mouth of a bigot, not from a person whose life and struggles so closely resemble my own. If Lou Sheldon or Andrea Dworkin told me I was acting like a man, I'd just roll my eyes. When I hear words to that effect from Kate Bornstein I feel trashed by someone I regard as a comrade. By passing judgment on members of her own subculture, she sets herself up to be seen as the ''model transsexual'' by the larger lesbian/gay/bisexual community. It is as if to say, ''I'm being reasonable and responsible, not rocking the boat. Those other people like me who're causing such a fuss don't really understand why what they're doing is wrong, and I ought to know because I'm a transsexual lesbian myself.'' Her polemic has the effect of shoring up her position among non-transsexuals at the expense of the community in which she claims membership. If this was inadvertent on her part, it demonstrates she is profoundly out of touch with major issues, currents and tendencies in the transgender community. If this was intentional, it is unconscionable. Either way, it is a mistake.

Still, while I deeply disagree with important planks in Bornstein's peace plan, it's important to remember that this is a conflict over tactics, not goals. I share with Kate Bornstein the desire to fight transphobia, empower the lives of transgendered people, forge alliances with queers and other oppressed minorities, and educate the general public. Unlike her, it seems, I am also willing to say that accomplishing these goals sometimes entails protest and confrontation (not violence), even within communities in which I claim membership—including the microscopic world of transsexual lesbians. I would like to join her in calling for a renewed commitment to dialogue between all the people involved in this vexing conflict. The most important questions now are where and when.

Susan Stryker
Oakland

Survival in a Bigenderist System

I was saddened by the ill-considered piece by Kate Bornstein in your Dec. 3 issue. Ms. Bornstein's artistic endeavors have been a great boon to all of us in the community, but her latest article certainly doesn't represent—judging from the flood of phone calls I've received—my or many other transsexuals' opinions.

Almost everything in the article upset me, but I'll confine my comments here to her demand that transsexuals ''follow a truly non-gendered life.''

Ms. Bornstein speaks from a position of arrogance and privilege. A person who makes her living as a transsexual playwright, as Ms. Bornstein does, can easily say, ''See, I'm not a man; I'm not a woman,'' and be assured a niche in society. That is grossly impractical for a transsexual secretary in a straight office.

If Ms. Bornstein's ''Plan for Peace'' was simply a suggestion that we all go off and live non-gendered lives, we could all happily ignore her. But she has gone on to work against the efforts of transsexuals to be accepted as valid, whole human beings in a gendered society. I'm a lousy actress, Kate—I hope you have something for me to do in your brave new world.

She says, ''It hurts. It's frightening to be without a socially approved gender, to buck the system.'' It can do more than hurt, Kate. Those of us on the front lines of the battle can tell you it can (and does) kill.

Her complaint that therapy doesn't ''promote following a truly non-gendered life,'' is bizarre nonsense. The proper objective of therapy is to help the individual live in the real world, not some fantasy.

Ms. Bornstein's question, ''Why would anyone want to ground in a culture that would kill them if their true nature were revealed?'' reveals her deep ignorance of the realities of most transsexuals' lives. Accosted by a robber, I may ''want'' to give him my purse. Transsexuals who choose to reinforce a bigenderist system may be choosing survival.

Why should we be forced to live lives completely different from those of non-transsexuals? I call myself a transsexual woman to deliberately emphasize that, while I've had an extraordinary life, I'm still basically just this woman from Kansas. I didn't reassign to become anything, certainly not to become a transsexual. I reassigned because I was a woman.

At issue here is not merely the question of access to ''women-only'' space, but the question of access to being treated like normal people. I am not responsible for transphobia. I will not be told to go away as a method of fixing it.

Ms. Bornstein is also being hypocritical. She wants all of us to live a non-gendered life, but she doesn't live one herself. I have had the pleasure of knowing several people who truly lived radically gendered lives. Ms. Bornstein isn't one of them. Ms. Bornstein uses the women's room (gasp—women-only space!) just like the rest of us. She gets ''ma'am'd'' in the quicky-mart like the rest of us. In her daily life, she passes.

Finally, a factual correction: The New Women's Conference, held annually in September, is open to post-operative transsexual women and their SOs. NWC is not a ''separatist'' organization. Transsexual women have been told for years that ''after surgery you should fade into the woodwork.'' The NWC, as a post-op gathering, is a deliberate reaction to that mentality. Last year, two non-transsexual women attended.

Anne Ogborn
San Francisco

Who Does the War Serve? Women-Born Women!

I didn't appreciate Kate Bornstein presuming she could talk for me (''A Plan for Peace,'' *SF Bay Times*, Dec. 3). She does not.

Judging from what Kate says of the common oppressor, I think it is clear she does not understand history.

Who is the common oppressor? It is hate groups. In this case, it's women-born women. To say we shouldn't confront those who spread lies and half-truths would be the same as to tell Jews not to confront Nazis or Black people not to confront the KKK. Would you have told the suffragettes not to say anything of the lies told by the male establishment of the 19th century?

What are you few women so frightened of? Could it be you would find out you aren't a uterus, but a brain?

Kate, in Germany everything got out of hand because no one said, ''No, we don't want to hate'' to the hate groups.

Name withheld by request
San Francisco

Who Will Be Excluded Next?

An open letter to my lesbian sisters:

While I didn't have the misfortune of reading either Bev Jo's or Daniella Cleveland's letters in recent issues of the *SF Bay Times*, I do feel called upon to answer some of the recent attacks and criticisms I have seen and received lately.

First, let's deal with the issue of whether transsexual people are duping themselves and others with the ''construct'' of masculine or feminine, and at the same time with the fallacy of science actually creating one gender out of another. Science may try, but any reputable researcher will tell you that it is *impossible* to create one gender out of another. What science can do is enable people whose body image doesn't match their external genitalia to correct this flaw, thereby allowing them to engage the world as a whole and unified person, instead of as a schizophrenic collective entity. This is true of every transsexual person I have ever met, regardless of externally perceived gender at birth. In other words, both MTF and FTM. Additionally, I am personally aware of the inability of the medical and psychiatric fields to create or even build one gender out of the other as I was born a hermaphrodite,which both of these ''sciences'' tried to ''cure,'' all the while denying my very existence. Although born with both sets of genitalia, my father, pediatrician and society in general did what they could to begin and enforce denial of my internal gender identity including, but not limited to, physical and sexual abuse. I was even told that my attraction to women was evidence of hetero-masculinity. Nevertheless, somehow or another my strong emotional and psychic connection with other women was able to stay alive and even grow stronger until I was finally able to admit to myself and others who and what I am, and begin to reclaim my womanhood.

Concerning access to women-only space: While advances in surgery may enable me to have the outside of my body match the inside, it has been the love and acceptance of other womyn (especially dykes) that has helped to empower me, to teach me that I have the right to boundaries, respect and even acceptance within the community. These are things that I was never allowed to have while growing up. And although there may have been a penis attached to my body, it never seemed to gain me any privilege, but rather to cause most people to see me as something ''other,'' as I tried for 37½ years to bend the definition of male around to find a way to make it fit. I also tried at the same time to bend me around to fit inside that same definition. Neither worked. What they did do was take me to the brink of insanity and death. No one that I ever met has ever woken up one morning and said, ''I think today I'll chop off my penis and see how the other half lives.'' It takes deep soul-searching and self-examination before anyone is ever able to admit their transsexuality to themselves, much less ''come out'' publicly as a transsexual. And to come out as a lesbian—most of us have received enough abuse in our lives and we're not looking for any more. I am a woman who loves womyn, and am frequently heartsick at the genderphobia that is rampant in our world, especially in the lesbian community, where one would expect some understanding of the dues that we have paid. Many of these dues are the same that you, my sisters, have paid for your insistence that you be allowed to dress the way you want, love who you want and live how you want. This hostility, anger and divisiveness are what truly hurt all of us, not the presence of myself or any other pre- or post-op TS person in women's spaces.

While agreeing that womyn-born lesbians are a rare and precious breed, it often seems to be an ex-

clusionary one that limits itself only to those womyn who don't weigh too much or too little, wear make-up, and can look butch without looking masculine. If I am excluded today, who goes next?

As to naming Bev Jo personally, when she had sought to use her experiences as a general case, this was and is shameful. People should not be attacked on a personal level for their opinions, regardless of how hurtful those opinions may be. Instead, what should happen is a dialogue in which all concerned parties can try to reach a consensus. Hopefully this letter can perhaps be a starting point for such a discussion.

Written in love and solidarity.

Crystalle Cota
Oakland

Thanks for the Forum

I am a female-to-male transsexual. I feel compelled to respond to the recent flurry of letters regarding transsexuals in the lesbian community. I would like to say thanks to the *SF Bay Times* for providing a forum for dialogue concerning the transgender issue. I would also like to express my appreciation to Kate Bornstein for her article ("A Plan for Peace," Dec. 3), which states my personal truth so eloquently, and to Anne Ogborn for her impassioned activism and commitment to the cause of transgender recognition. The women who wrote letters in support of transsexuals can never know how important their compassion is to those of us who experience gender dysphoria: an experience which is very isolating and extremely uncomfortable; an experience none of us chooses.

I am saddened and offended by the callous words of those who wish to demean us with their erroneous assumptions. Their ignorance is expected, but their vicious arrogance is unacceptable. The woman who wrote about the "frightening rise in the number of butch lesbians going through the change" ("We Need Our Separateness," *SF Bay Times,* Nov. 19) has unwittingly made a very bigoted statement. Her refusal to acknowledge them as transsexuals is invalidating, to say the least and much the same as when non-transsexuals resist using a transgender's new name or gender pronoun of choice. I fail to see what it is she finds so frightening. The perceived increase in FTMs is due, in part, to greater visibility. More of us are "coming out" instead of isolating ourselves from the subculture to which we belonged before embarking on our change. We are finding acceptance and freedom from shame in our own support groups and are refusing to feel as though we should slink away from our lesbian friends like lepers. There is also the information factor: Many are finding resources more accessible now, whereas before they didn't know where to obtain help and were lucky to continue to suppress their feelings of gender dysphoria. As to the concern about some being so young, there are guidelines provided by the psychiatric and medical professions to which all must adhere; it is a lengthy and very costly process in terms of surgery and counseling and it tends to eliminate the unsure. I have not met one FTM who has regretted his change, and I know many.

I understand there is much fear and anger toward FTMs for becoming males with privilege. For me, having the appearance of a rather short and other-than-conventionally masculine demeanor has been difficult in a size-biased, macho and homophobic culture. I have not been handed a golden key to the city. I know that not all FTMs are feminists (as could be said of many lesbians and straight women) and some, struggling to become comfortable, will unconsciously overcompensate in their new gender identities. But even so, most FTMs respect and understand the need for women-only space, although they may feel a loss at being excluded. Many of us will always strongly identify with the struggle of women and with all people fighting for identity and equality.

Loren
Berkeley

Beyond Publicity

It's time to set the record straight.

A lengthy puff piece by Kate Bornstein on transsexualism appeared in the Dec. 3 issue of the *SF Bay Times.* During her very short tenure in San Francisco, Ms. Bornstein—playwright, writer and raconteur—appears to have appointed herself dialectician, judge and guru of transsexual issues in the gay/lesbian/transgender communities. She has honed this technique so that it now reaches its tentacles to national levels.

While I applaud Kate's ability at self-promotion, that is the only thing that I give her credit for. As a post-op transsexual who has spent her life in the Bay Area and her "other life" in the Tenderloin, let it be understood that Kate does not speak for me. The transsexuals that I know do not have a pulpit to speak from nor access to publications which they saturate with self-effacing pictures of their publicity travails.

My heroes are transsexuals such as Sister Mary Elizabeth, Connie Norman, Dominique Leslie, Christine Tayleur, Matthew Rice and many others who spend their time, effort and dedication in the fight against AIDS. These superior individuals assist the gay/lesbian/transgender communities in getting education, treatment, care and services in the life-and-death struggle against the ravages of AIDS and discrimination. Their only recognition, publicity and acknowledgement is from those they have helped and the self-realization of a job well done.

To you, Ms. Bornstein, I say: "Step down from your publicity stage and join your transgender brothers and sisters in this fight, not with dogma but with the giving of yourself."

Billi Goldberg
San Francisco

What's in a Label?

During the recent controversy in the *SF Bay Times* letters section about transgenderism, there is a point of etiquette which I have not seen addressed. It is this: It is polite and respectful to address people in the way they wish to be addressed. Conversely, it is extremely impolite (or, if you prefer California-speak, invasive) to persistently and inflexibly address people in a manner which they have made clear they do not like.

It is rude and invasive to address women as "Miss" or "Mrs." when they have expressed a clear preference for "Ms." It is rude and invasive to address married women by their husband's name when they have made it known that their name did not change with their marriage. It is rude and invasive to use terms such as "homo," "fruit," or any of the all-too-familiar batallion of racial and gender epithets. And, by the same token, it is rude and invasive to persistently refer to male-to-female transsexuals as "he" when they have declared a clear preference for the feminine pronoun.

If you yourself resist being labeled by others with names and labels that you have not chosen for yourself, then doing it to other people is nothing short of hypocritical.

Kristen Springer
San Francisco

What Gays and Lesbians Want to Hear

There were many things that bothered me about Kate Bornstein's "A Plan for Peace" (*SF Bay Times,* Dec. 3) but probably the most objectionable was her speaking to and about the transsexual and transgendered communities of San Francisco. As long as she has lived here, Kate has rejected these communities. She has always considered herself part of the gay and lesbian community. I have no problem with that. She's not the first—and certainly won't be the last—transsexual to do this. I do have a problem with Kate now speaking to communities that for years she has wanted nothing to do with.

Kate's piece was especially galling because her views on men, women, gender and transsexuals are not in agreement with those of many FTM and MTF transsexuals. Her ideas about these subjects are more what gays and lesbians want to hear. There were many examples of this in her piece. The one that stood out for me was her statement that transsexuals aren't out because of shame. That's not the reason. Most transsexuals aren't out because we want to be related to as genetic men and women. That doesn't happen once people know you're transsexual. This is a widely held view among transsexuals, but it's not popular with gays and lesbians.

This is a difficult time for both communities. Given her popularity with gays and lesbians and the recognition she has among the transgendered communities, Kate was in a perfect position to bring them closer together. Sadly, all she's done is drive a wedge between the two and force them further apart.

Kathi Denniman
San Francisco

Women Who Love Women

Thank you for publishing Kate Bornstein's comments on the conflicts between the transgender and lesbian communities ("A Plan for Peace," *SF Bay Times,* Dec. 3). Her writing was a blessing of intelligence and sanity in a fierce debate that has become increasingly painful to read. It is not easy to stand outside of our cultural conditioning and comment on it. Particularly painful for me has been hearing those who argue for the idea of an essential man or woman. That argument has always, as far as I can tell, been used to shut people out, to keep people in their place.

I remember the day when I first looked closely at the woman symbol: a circle with a cross underneath. It seems obvious to me that this is the primal symbol for person. I suspect that before we became obsessed with gender divisions, the human race just naturally understood that the original person is woman. Embryologically, that is certainly the case: All embryos begin their lives as females; the male development is a deviation. Woman is home base. Something happened in our millennia of development that produced man out of woman. However we may assess this historical development, it has left us all with a rock-bottom understanding (which the culture attempts to deny) of female primacy.

Some previous participants in the dialogue have taken the attitude that male-to-female transsexuals should redefine maleness if they don't like the way things are, instead of crossing gender lines. That argument troubles me because it evidences such a profound ignorance of what the transgender experience is about. I have known a number of transsexuals under the intimate conditions of psychotherapy, and it was quite clear that they all felt not necessarily critical of men per se, but simply as though they wanted to be/must be/by some terrible oversight had failed to be part of the group of girls. They felt themselves all alone, watching the group where they felt they belonged; not wanting to possess or dominate or rip off (as some people have imagined in these letters) but merely to belong. Although I am not a transsexual, I know what it is like to feel like an outcast, unable to be part of the group with whom I identify. We all know what it is like to be excluded. It seems to me that this is the heart of the matter: What price do we exact from our fellow humans to allow them to belong? Lesbian culture is rich and beautiful (though at times maddening). I can understand why lesbian transsexuals would want to be included. There's more than enough to share. Since some circles have taken to hanging a "no transsexual" sign in the window, maybe some of us should consider making it a point to say, "All women who love women are welcome."

Lee Johnson, MFCC
Berkeley

Ahead of Her Time

Once again Kate Bornstein has publicly demonstrated that she is ahead of her time by writing a brilliant article aimed at the heart of the separatist/transsexual conflict ("A Plan for Peace," *SF Bay Times,* Dec. 3). While clearly defining this heated difference of opinion, she avoids casting either side into the role of villain—or victim, for that matter. She presents us with food for thought and a plan of action that is concrete and realizable at the individual level. Kate's only error is her assertion that we transgendered people have no role models. I would suggest that Ms. Bornstein herself is just such a role model. Her words and work have been inspiring and educating me and others in our community for years.

Partly due to Kate's ideas, I have undergone a shift in my perception of gender. Though I was born male I maintain I'm a woman, but I'm quite clear that I'm not a woman in the same way that a born and raised female is. A year ago I would have insisted that being female is not a homogenous experience, yet I have come to believe that being raised male, as atypical as I was, has affected me in a way that no genetic female could experience. Because of this fact I can appreciate why some women would seek to exclude someone like me from portions of their lives: there is this qualitative difference. However, I still think of myself as a woman because that is what gender identity is all about: I identify with women much more than I do with men.

"Woman trapped in a man's body" is a melodramatic, hackneyed phrase, and it oversimplifies my transsexuality. The best explanation I can give is that my thoughts, my feelings and my values are closer to the sociocultural stereotypes of a woman's than a man's. Albeit these ideas are those of the patriarchy, many women still live them and I'm no exception. Yet I do not deny that I have a masculine side as well. Far from denial, I am learning to celebrate both my yin and my yang.

The problem that transsexuals face is that many of our therapists and other clinical providers force a bipolar view of gender on us. This is to be expected, however, in a society where genders are counted on only two fingers. On one level I acknowledge my third gender status: I am not just like a genetic woman, nor am I much like a man. I can admit to being neither fish nor fowl. Yet where does that leave me socioculturally? The word "freak" comes to mind, but I find that inarticulate as well as cruel. Where this leaves me is without a social construct, without a secure peer group (safety in numbers), without even something as simple as a pronoun that feels right. The pronoun "it" belongs with "freak" when discussing human beings, thank you very much.

What society says is that I must be one or the other, and be definite about it. Don't confuse or scare the "normal' folks with this gender fluidity crap. Well, I have no choice with regard to what feels right for me. My "choice" is Woman; She; Hers; Ma'am.

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Throw the Book at 'Em

Xmas shopping got you down? Can't find a damn thing to read to escape the holiday blitz? Well, then—herewith a compendium of books that have recently crossed my eyeballs. They're gathered with no respect to genre, style, length etc., and are offered only in the spirit of passing on a goodly find or ten. Most are available at A Different Light in the Castro. At column's end: a special plug. Read on—and read on.

• ***The Dream Life***, by Bo Huston (St. Martin's Press). With this, his second novel, San Franciscan Bo Huston makes a major writerly leap. He has always written like a man out of time (literally and figuratively); death lurks 'round his tales, and his compositions have the fastidious ring of an earlier era. In *The Dream Life*, Hollis Flood, a shady, educated drifter, meets up with Jed, a precocious 13 year old, and they embark on a Nabokovian cross-country journey. Huston weaves a thoughtful, unsentimental tale of sexuality, power, compromise, the past and its hold on the present, and the inevitability of loss. His writing is crisp, clear, sharp—and sad. It's a beautiful piece of work.

• ***Sick Burn Cut***, by Deran Ludd (Semiotext(e) Native Agents Series). A punkish narrative about Mary, "a 31-year-old man with a revolver in a cheap dress," his lover Sayyid Husayn and their constricted life in the rainy, druggy Seattle underworld. They encounter heroin buys and cigarets, gang wars and murder, boredom and Christ (sort of). Ludd compensates for occasional writing lapses with an unerring eye for the stark absurdity of spiritual searching. Out of a seemingly affectless tale of disenfranchised petty criminals and suburban Zep-heads, Ludd conjures up a no-laughs black comedy of missed connections, misunderstandings and errant hopefulness.

• ***The Weekend***, by Helen Zahavi (Donald I. Fine). A wicked, nasty little read. Bella is fed up with men—men who pry, men who leer, men who peep, men who transgress. Bella gets a gun. The result: a literary *Thelma—period*. Read this—and *laugh*.

• ***Generation X*** and *Shampoo Planet*, by Douglas Coupland (St. Martin's and Pocket Books, respectively). I know, I know: blah blah blah young writer blah blah blah his generation blah blah blah trends. But the 1991 *Gen X* turns out to unfairly bear the burden of defining the generation it supposedly named. Sure, it's a cutesy little tract, with cutesy little margin doodles and stuff—but underneath the hype lurks a surprisingly well-written, sweet little story. Far from being the anarchist/nihilist Bible you'd expect, it fairly boils with an ache for connection. Its follow-up, *Planet*, deals with the so-called "Global Teens." More traditional in approach, it's a little sloppier than its predecessor. The story comes and goes, and the characters are sometimes rice-paper thin. But the thirtyish Coupland sure can nail a sentence (and paragraph) when he wants to, and he infuses the work with an undeniably engaging symbolistic whack. Maybe it's 'cause he's from Canada. Then again, maybe not.

• ***The Man Who Fell in Love With the Moon***, by Tom Spanbauer (HarperPerennial). A dreamy epic told by a bisexual half-breed boy/man in the 1800s American West, this novel illuminates Big Themes—the search for Father, sociosexual identity, the meaning of "family"—with the story of a town, its outcasts, its right-thinkers and their battles. Spanbauer consistently maintains his narrator's hypnotic cadences, and fashions a tale uproarious and poignant—and deeply, deeply spiritual. As the cliche goes, if there's one book you read this season—or ever—let this be it.

• ***Hello Darling, Are You Working?***, by Rupert Everett (William Morrow and Co., hardback version). Toasty English actor Rupie, on a litworld slum, bangs out a frothy little sorta-*roman a clef*. It begins, "By the time he was eight he knew he would never be a Great Actress," and slides merrily downhill from there. It's a throwaway—you won't be underlining brilliantly constructed sentences, and the tone wavers—but it's fun as hell to watch the characters stagger around in an Ecstasy haze, swan about in grand hotels, and generally wreak cleverly plotted havoc. Evelyn Waugh is not rolling in his grave. A fine toilet/airplane/flu read—and it's out in paperback.

• ***Blue Heaven*** and *Putting on the Ritz*, by Joe Keenan (Penguin). For *real* laugh-aloud farce, these two gems rule. Keenan queer-spins P. G. Wodehouse and Noel Coward. The characters are absurd, the situations ridiculous, the writing keenly arch: the whole thing's a ribald romp. Manipulation and intrigue run riot in Manhattan's high society as narrator Phillip Cavanaugh, his sometime boyfriend Gilbert, and their comparatively level-headed friend Claire thread through a series of silly situations which, bless Keenan's heart, are plotted like a runaway train on a downhill slope. Maybe Keenan is a '20s Algonquin wannabe, but he pulls it off with such verve—and delightful wit—that, in the end, you forgive him even as tears of laughter salt your caviar. Read them in order.

• ***Jack***, by A.M. Homes (Vintage Contemporaries). What do you do if you're a boy bearing down hard on your 16th birthday, and your mom's an edgy real estate agent, your best friend's a dork and your dad's gay? If you're Jack, narrator of A.M. Homes' likable first novel, you sarcastically lash out at the world, suffer more than your share of adolescent angst, rub noses with the coolest girl in school—and, along the way, hit on some minor epiphanies. Homes has an impeccable ear for the way teens think (remember when, after your first driver's ed class, you pretended the Montgomery Ward aisle crossings were street intersections?), and a keen eye for the nuanced drama of high school and the shifting allegiances that make (broken) family relations so irritating—and immaculate. This is a perfect stocking stuffer for your curious nephew or niece, or a funny, lovely reminder of when life seemed impossibly fresh *and* stale—and hormonal.

ADOPT-A-BOOK

The last book I mention not just because I like it, but because it serves as a handy segue to a holiday pitch.

My friend Larry says that in high school, he taped the *Grapes of Wrath* cover to his Gordon Merrick novels, which he then devoured undetected in study hall. *That's* queer ingenuity! But with a brilliant new program created by five local lesbian/gay youth-oriented organizations, the young among us won't have to be so nefarious: Queer-themed books will soon reside right in their own school library.

How so? Well, Adopt-A-Book is a community project by which you, dear reader, donate lesbian/gay-themed books to local schools. And it's easy! At A Different Light and Old Wives' Tales (on Valencia Street), you buy one of the books on the handy-dandy Adopt-A-Book list (like *Jack*). Or you make a general donation to the fund, which they'll use to purchase either one of the listed books or another book with gay/lesbian themes and/or by lesbian/gay authors. Either way, those books will be distributed to San Francisco junior high and high schools. *And* they'll be sent to kids around the country whose school libraries' idea of a "queer book" is *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

In the interest of journalistic ethics and integrity, I'll disclose that I have already made a wee donation to the program. In the interest of holiday cheer, and of encouraging you to dispense same, I'll disclose that doing so made me feel very, very good.

Happy holidays to you and yours. ✿

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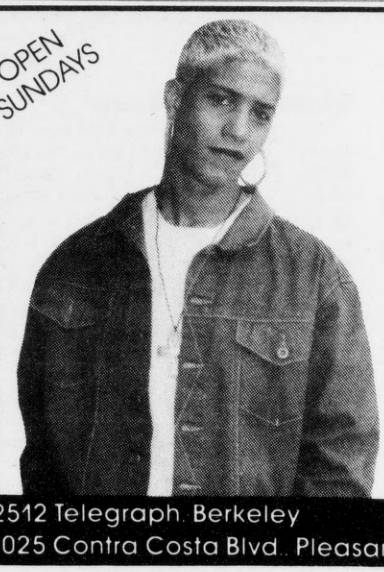
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AIDS/ARC Vigil at the Civic Center, with a display of pamphlets and information on how you can help spread holiday cheer by assisting in the fight against AIDS. Photo by Rink

Bittersweet Holidays

The holidays are upon us. This is a happy time for some, and a sad and painful time for others. A time during which we may miss friends and loved ones who have passed on. The AIDS holocaust has caused each of us to experience grief and loss due to the premature deaths of so many among our number. Some of us knew a few, some of us knew many PWAs who died before their time. A good holiday gift to ourselves (and to the memory of those who have gone on before us) might be plane tickets to Washington, D.C., next April for the March on Washington. And if you can't go, you could help make it possible for someone to be there who would not otherwise be able to afford it.

The holidays are an added source of depression for the unemployed. There is a hiring hiatus in the permanent job market until after the first of the year. The homeless could not be more poignantly reminded of their lack of "status" than by the lavish displays of plenty and the wanton splurging before and during a very commercial holiday period. The bright Christmas lights do not inspire yuletide joy for those with little or no income or for those with no one to share the warmth of a special commitment.

Once upon a time, homeless lesbians and gays were a rarity. Now there are legions. There are the runaways from families that abused them or could not accept their sexual orientation. There are the partiers who got caught up in the undercurrent of the city lights without the wherewithal to sustain themselves. There are the people for whom the holidays will be spent scoring the next fix or next drink—just like every other day.

The holidays can be a lonely, depressing time for those of us who are single, who have no one special person with whom to share companionship. Companionship may well be the greatest gift of all. If no one cares for you, if your family is estranged or far away, or if you have no family at all, it may be impossible for you not to feel isolated, rejected or abandoned during the holidays. For the working class, there is the additional pressure of gifts, cards, and entertainment to pay for when our budget already has been strained by the economic depression. These holidays should especially be a time of joy for the children. This missing-child epidemic is a national disgrace. And so many children now have lost their childhood dreams to an unrelenting, merciless world in decline. Along with sugar plums and fairies, the little ones must now think of death, drugs and fatal attractions—just like the rest of us.

I asked several well-known folks around town to share their thoughts on what would make their holidays brighter; what they would like for Christmas:

Mayor Frank Jordan
"I would like a balanced budget."

Supervisor Willie B. Kennedy
"I would like for each homeless person to have safe living quarters, for every mother and child to be warm and protected, and for San Francisco to find the means to recover from its fiscal [budget] situation. If all three of these things could happen, I'd be the happiest person in San Francisco!"

Board of Education Director/Comedian Tom Ammiano
"What I would like for Christmas is a merkin [a hairpiece for the genital area used in the Middle Ages]. And when I get one, I'm going to write a musical called "A Merkin in Paris!"

Board of Education Director/Activist Angie Fa
"I would like the funds necessary to keep providing quality education for all our kids—especially lesbians, gays and transgender youth. I would like the funds to put a full-time Project 10 resource person in every high school in San Francisco. I would like representation of our community in every textbook at every grade level."

Eric Rofes, Executive Director, Shanti
"For Hanukkah, I would like for all of my friends to have T-cell counts above 1,000."

Lee Woo, Executive Director, BAHSES
"You mean besides one real good man? I wish the world really were a kinder, more gentle place—especially in our [gay] community, because we cannibalize each other."

Pat Norman, Executive Director, CAITC
"I would like to have a Manhattan Project for the AIDS epidemic [all the best scientists, all the money used to create the atom bomb]. We need to create a cure for everyone who has AIDS. We need for people to make a commitment to work against racism, sexism and self-loathing. I also would like to win the lottery."

As for *moi*, in addition to an end to world-wide sickness, oppression, hunger and Old Spice cologne, I would like to be fabulously rich, and possess magical powers so that I truly could give some people what they so richly deserve.

The real spirit of this holiday season is giving. It need not be a lavish gift. Buy some art done by the homeless and Tenderloin residents from Hospitality House. Donate some food to any of a dozen worthwhile charities. There are many worthy international causes. But charity begins at home. We don't have to look to another continent to find hunger. So many go hungry right here. There are so many small kindnesses we could do without going too far out of our way.

If more of us remembered how to be kind, it would be a tremendous gift to humanity. It wasn't that long ago that neighbors cared for each other and our communities had more trust and hope. If the holidays could only be the beginning of the return of trust and hope that would last all year round!

JUST A LITTLE GOSSIP...

Larry Littlejohn called to explain that THE GAY RESCUE MISSION has nothing to do with THE GAY COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER on Grove Street, from which I acquired the wayward temporary worker interested in my cocksucking abilities, as mentioned in my last column. It seems Don Jackson and the Gay Rescue Mission parted company. However, the folks on Grove Street don't always make their new name clear. "It's the same thing," they cooed on the phone. Naughty, naughty! It's not nice to fool Mother Nature!

The AMFAR "A Day Without Art" fundraiser in New York City honored Bay Area filmmaker Marlon Riggs. Marlon has been ill. Writer Essex Hemphill stood in for him and accepted the award. Lots of celebs. Fancy affair. However, out of approximately 200 people in attendance, only three were Black. Hemphill will be moving to Santa Monica in '93. ✿

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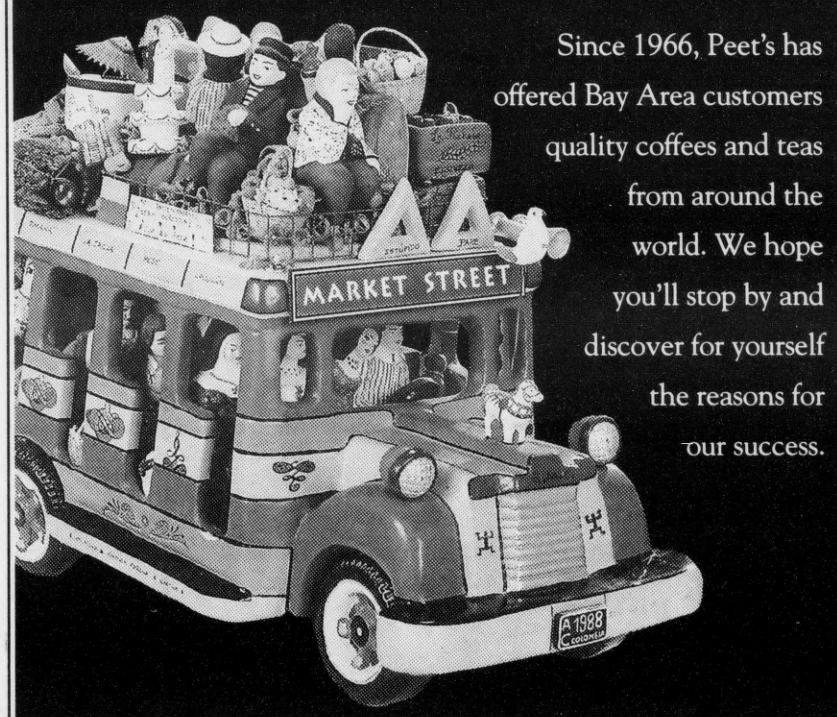

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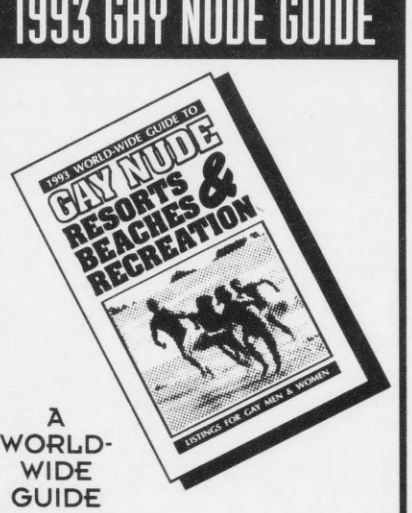

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SMMILE sets up X-mas tree in the Castro: (L-r) Mark Riley and Kevin Fetter. Photo by Brett Kaufman

Supes Delay Divesting From BofA

SAN FRANCISCO - In a surprise move, Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg made a motion to delay until the Dec. 21 board meeting her resolution to divest $6 million from Bank of America, so that she can meet with bank officials about a settlement.

Achtenberg introduced the divestiture resolution after BofA announced it was once again funding the Boy Scouts of America, an organization with a stated policy of discriminating against gays. BofA had decided not to fund the Scouts; then, after pressure from fundamentalists, reversed that policy. Although the City has more than $6 million in the bank, Achtenberg's measure is a way of showing "disapproval" without hurting the city financially.

Achtenberg says she will "negotiate one more time" with BofA in the hopes that the city and the bank can be "on the same side of opposing the Boy Scouts." According to the supe, the issue should not be focused on BofA, which is a "minor player," but rather on the Scouts' "outmoded, anti-human and destructive" policy.

After the motion passed to delay the resolution, Queer Scouts founder John Woods told *SF Bay Times* that he was "somewhat disappointed" in Achtenberg's move. "I think it allows BofA to spend even more time marshaling resources to put pressure on Mayor Frank Jordan as well as the other supervisors, who may not be willing to sustain a veto by the mayor," he said.

Queer Nation activist Alan Carson agreed. "I don't think anything productive is going to come out of a meeting with BofA," he said. If Jordan vetoes the resolution, should it pass the board, eight votes will be required to overturn that veto. At press time, Achtenberg believed she had the votes to pass the resolution.

Meanwhile, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, a progressive Reform synagogue with outreach to gay/lesbian/bisexual Jews, and the Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco, a queer Christian Fellowship, announced that they are both withdrawing their funds from BofA in protest of the bank's funding of the Boy Scouts.

All's Quiet on the Wells Fargo Front

SAN FRANCISCO - According to a spokesperson for the Wells Fargo Bank, fundamentalist reaction to the bank's decision not to fund the Boy Scouts because of its anti-gay policy has dwindled.

Michael Larkin told *SF Bay Times* that the initial flurry of phone calls and demonstrations (many very small indeed) has wound down to nearly nothing. He doesn't think the bank has suffered any "resounding effects" from the decision. Meanwhile, the bank is "still standing by our policy" of not giving money to the Scouts.

"Year of the Queer"

SAN FRANCISCO - It's official: "Year of the Queer" will be the theme of the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration on June 27, 1993.

The committee also decided at its Dec. 13 meeting that in 1994 the parade will take place on June 12, so as not to conflict with the 25th anniversary celebration of the Stonewall Riots, scheduled to take place in New York City on the last Sunday of the month. Communication has been maintained with Los Angeles' Christopher Street West so that from now on, its parade will occur on a different Sunday from San Francisco's. It is hoped that starting in '93, L.A.'s parade will be in the week before the San Francisco event.

Finally, the committee announced a logo contest and plans for a Saturday event prior to the '93 parade on the waterfront north of Bay Bridge. Send logo designs to SFG/LDPCC, 584 Castro, #513, SF 94114. Deadline is Jan. 8.

Spahr's Not Giving Up

ROCHESTER - She wants to be their co-pastor, and they want her. But thanks to the organizing efforts of a homophobic minister, the Rev. Jane Spahr will not take her place as a co-pastor of the Downtown United Church of Rochester, N.Y. But she's not giving up.

Supporters of Spahr plan to bring the matter to the Presbyterian Church's General Assembly next summer. Spahr was approved for the Downtown United Church position by the congregation, the local presbytery and the regional judicial body. But it was the protest of ten churches, led by Rev. Ronald Sallade, that made the national court of the faith decide to reject the appointment.

"This is supposed to be a church that is based on justice and mercy and love," says Spahr. "It's supposed to be inclusive."

Guilty of Shooting Lesbian Neighbors

DETROIT - Sixty-seven-year-old James Brooks faces life imprisonment without parole for the killing of his lesbian neighbors after a dispute about a fence they were building on what he claimed was his property.

The only witness in Brooks' defense was a psychologist who said that the murders were not premeditated. Though the man was "uncomfortable" with the sexual orientation of the two women, he did not kill them for that reason alone, Wayne County Prosecutor Robert Agacinski said.

"This was the classic neighborhood-type stuff," Agacinski said, adding that there had to be a "lot of hate" for him to murder them.

AMA: Not Healthy for Queers

SAN FRANCISCO - The American Association of Physicians for Human Rights denounced the American Medical Association (AMA) for once again refusing to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation.

At its semi-annual meeting in Nashville recently, the AMA's House of Delegates nixed the idea of including sexual orientation in its protected categories, but approved adding age in that listing. "It becomes increasingly difficult for lesbian and gay physicians to take the AMA seriously when it continues to deny our very existence," says Larry Prater, M.D., the president of the human rights organization.

Supreme Court: On the Queer Side

LOS ANGELES - The U.S. Supreme Court refused to review a Court of Appeals ruling allowing a lesbian former Army captain to challenge the constitutionality of the military's anti-gay policy.

Rev. Dusty Pruitt was discharged from the Army, and her promotion to major was suspended after she was interviewed for a newspaper article in which she identified herself as a lesbian. Pruitt brought suit, represented by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Southern California and the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

"We are gratified that the high court rejected the Bush administration's arguments that the military is above the Constitution," says Jon Davidson, senior staff counsel for the ACLU.

Next Target: Homos

WICHITA - The national anti-choice group Operation Rescue is declaring war on a new target: queers. Seems they're not satisfied with taking away a woman's right to choose. Now they want President-elect Bill Clinton to forget extending basic rights to gays/lesbians/bisexuals in the military. And they want to campaign against the "homosexual lifestyle" in general.

Operation Rescue plans demonstrations in several cities, including Wichita, Kan., to express opposition to Clinton's proposed lifting of the ban on gays/lesbians/bisexuals in the military. "On this particular day," says Operation Rescue spokesperson Bob Jewitt, "we're going to have clergy saying they don't want people to hire homosexuals, they don't want people to tolerate that lifestyle, they want people to oppose it every step of the way."

Incidentally, Operation Rescue is doing the demos under the aegis of its Christian Defense Coalition, the brainchild of its founder, Randall Terry. Many of the same officials lead both organizations.

Meanwhile, Traditional Values Coalition Founder Rev. Lou Sheldon writes in a recent mailing that "the United States is on the brink of a national security disaster" because of Clinton's intended lifting of the military ban. "The military

heroes that I have spoken with are worried that such a change would leave our nation weak and vulnerable in the eyes of the rest of the world,'' the Rev. writes. Of course, he is quick to plead for donations to help stop what he sees as a ''radical homosexual'' agenda to severely damage the armed forces.

Sellout in Michigan

BIRMINGHAM - The school district here has ''compromised,'' and now instead of a gay-positive lesson plan for its high school class on homosexuality, the educational system will teach the same old bigotry.

The proposed lesson plan would have taught that gays/lesbians/bisexuals make up 10 percent of the population, that many religions are pro-queer and that sexual orientation is determined at an early age. Now the lesson plan will relate that only 3 to 5 percent are queer, and that being gay/lesbian/bisexual can lead to depression and self-esteem problems. The idea that orientation is determined early and that many cultures accept queers is history.

But the bigots aren't satisfied. They still want the plan to state that queer groups endorse pedophilia, that gays/lesbians/bisexuals are only 1 percent of the population, and that queers are more promiscuous than hets. A spokesperson for Concerned Parents/Taxpayers says that the compromise document ''doesn't reflect the facts.''

A sneak preview of the wonderful film on lesbian history, ''Last Call at Maud's'' was shown at Olive Oil's restaurant on Dec. 13. Featured (l-r): Director Paris Pourier, Producer Karen Kiss, and Susan Fahey, the original bartender at Maud's. Shown on screen in back: Dianne Feinstein and Rikki Stryker. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Toto, I Think We're in... Kansas City!

KANSAS CITY - Fundies are getting their wish and forcing the City Council here either to repeal a civil rights ordinance setting up a Human Rights Commission and a gay/lesbian civil rights task force or pass it onto voters for a referendum.

A right-wing group called FIRED UP got enough signatures to challenge the formation of a commission it believes will be a ''vehicle'' for the extension of rights to queers.

But at least one councilmember feels the group will keep the ordinance, which also makes the city's housing laws comparable to fair housing provisions throughout the country, and sets up guidelines for citizen complaints about discrimination.

KSJO Agrees to End Bigotry

SAN JOSE - A coalition of over 20 minority, women's and civil rights groups, including the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/Bay Area, has succeeded in getting station KSJO (92.3 FM) to concede that it is working out problems with the homophobic, racist and sexist Lamont & Tonelli Show.

''The station agrees with us that there's no place for bigotry on our local airwaves, and has pledged to work with us to ensure that the material they air is not offensive to women, people of color, gays and lesbians, or Jewish persons,'' said coalition co-chair Ellen Schwartz. In 1989, the coalition was instrumental in the firing of Perry Stone, a bigoted KSJO shock-jock.

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Women's Salsa Explodes in SF

SAN FRANCISCO - The first Women's Salsa Explosion, an evening celebrating Northern California women in salsa, will feature Tierra Nueva and Cana Brava. The event takes place at the Women's Building, 3543 18th St. near Valencia, on Dec. 19 at 8:30 pm.

Tickets are $8 at the door. All proceeds from food sales will benefit Mujeres Unidas Y Activas, a nonprofit organization of Latin women who work in support of a wide range of community groups in the Bay Area. For info or tickets, call Sylvia at (510) 849-2215 or Judy at (415) 285-2168.

Lorde Memorial Fund Established

NEW YORK - A memorial fund has been set up in the name of Black lesbian poet Audre Lorde to commission a sculpture of the outspoken activist and to establish a scholarship fund for Black women writers.

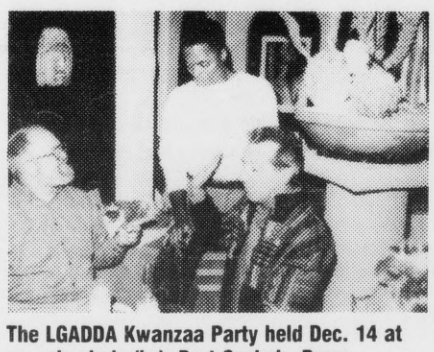
All checks are payable to The Astrea Foundation, Audre Lorde Memorial Fund, 666 Broadway, Suite 520, New York, NY 10012. Memorial services were held for Lorde in St. Croix on Dec. 13. A service is planned in New York City; no date has yet been announced.

Sheriff Academy Suit Settled

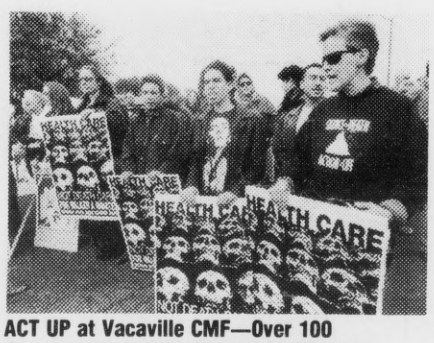
SAN DIEGO - A suit alleging anti-gay discrimination at the Sheriff's Academy has been settled: Rules of conduct governing sheriff's department personnel will be amended to forbid prejudice or harassment based on sexual orientation.

The woman who filed the suit in 1991, Laura Shands, now works as a deputy marshal in the San Diego County Marshal's Office. Sheriff Jim Roache says he will institute cultural awareness training relating to sexual orientation, consistent with the amended policy. Said Shands, "This is a significant step forward."

Shands was represented by both the ACLU and the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.



The LGADDA Kwanzaa Party held Dec. 14 at mu. chacha's (l-r): Bart Casimir, Byron McQuarters, Tom Ammiano. Photo by Rink



ACT UP at Vacaville CMF—Over 100 demonstrators protested the facility's intolerable conditions for prisoners with AIDS. ACT UP presented a list of demands to improve care at the facility. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Groups to Protest U.S. Invasion of Somalia

SAN FRANCISCO - Demonstrations will be held in several cities on Dec. 21 to protest the U.S. military takeover of Somalia in the name of conducting a relief effort.

"After a year of doing nothing, while hundreds of thousands of Somali people starved, the Bush administration suddenly decided to militarily occupy Somalia—not to feed starving children but to dominate the Horn of Africa and turn it into another strategic military base in the oil-rich Middle East," says Monica Moorehead, a spokesperson for the International Action Center (IAC), which is coordinating the protests.

Added Richard Becker of the San Francisco IAC office, "It is a bitter irony that the initial result of the U.S. military occupation has been to shut down relief operations by ordering all relief workers to stay indoors for 48 hours." The local march is set for Powell & Market Streets at 5 pm on Dec. 21.

BITS & PIECES

• The Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services says it opposes adoption by gays/lesbians/bisexuals because it deprives a child of an "opposite sex role model." In a brief filed in an appeal to two gay men who want to adopt a child, the department also says that queer parents limit the child's choice of sexual preference and are not in the "best interest of the children." Stay tuned.

• The Christian Civic League, which unsuccessfully campaigned against a Portland, Maine, gay rights law, plans to attack a similar proposed measure in Lewiston. The gay rights law simply bans bias in jobs, housing, credit and public accommodations.

• Meanwhile, the city of Albany, N.Y. passed a human rights bill that includes queers. The measure, which has been at the center of debate in this city for five years, was sponsored by Keith St. John, the nation's first Black gay elected official.

• Researchers at UCSF-affiliated San Francisco VA Medical Center need volunteers for a study evaluating a potential treatment for the

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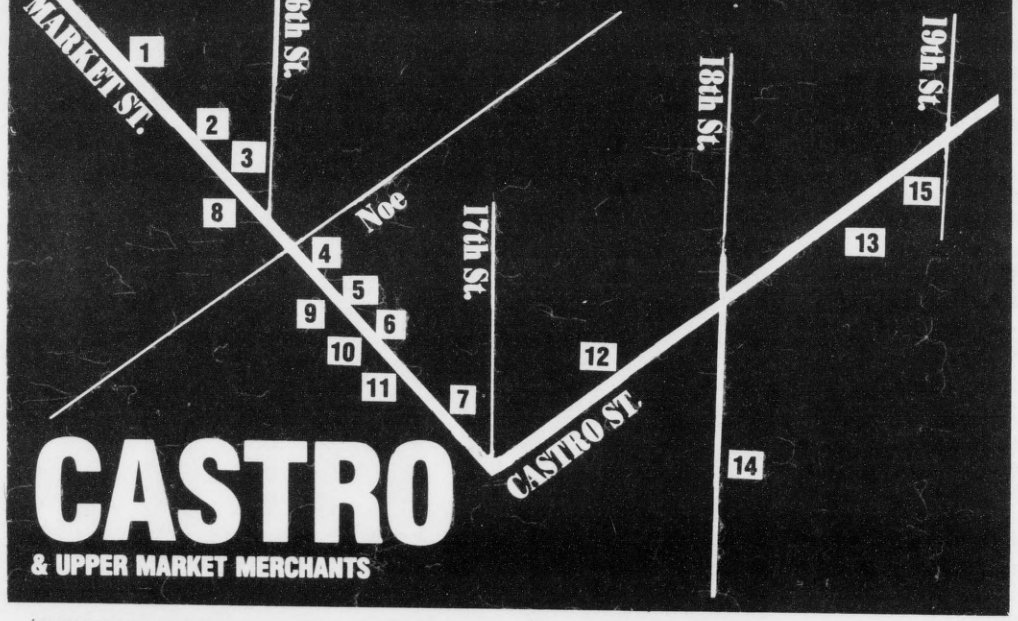

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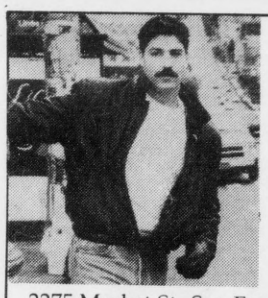

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• Frameline, the sponsors of San Francisco's annual Gay/Lesbian Film Fest, moved to new offices on Dec. 19. New Address: 346 Ninth St., SF 94103, (415) 703-8650. Meanwhile, Frameline gave $5,000 to filmmakers for completion of queer projects, including $1,125 to *Sex Is* by Marc Huestis.

• *On Our Backs*' next issue may not be glossy because Dimension Graphics, their Kansas-based printing company that also does *The Advocate*, refused to print two sexually explicit photos. Glossy printing is cheaper in the Midwest. The censored photos will appear in the next issue: January/February '93, which will be the work of a local San Francisco firm. Now you know why Dorothy left Kansas.

• Republican Assemblymember Bill Filante lost his four-year battle with brain cancer on Dec. 8. A memorial was held on Dec. 11 in San Rafael. A physician and humanitarian who voted for much of the pioneering California AIDS legislation during his 14 years in the Assembly, Filante also helped with the passage of AB101, the state gay rights bill vetoed by Gov. Pete Wilson.

• Over 500 libraries nationwide now carry children's books that depict lesbian and gay parents, thanks to efforts to ban them. According to Sasha Alyson, publisher of a line of pro-gay children's books, when right-wing forces campaigned against these books, they began disappearing from libraries that carried them. Alyson then offered to replace the titles free to the first 500 libraries requesting them. As of Dec. 4, the 500 orders have been filled.

• In early 1993, Men Overcoming Violence (MOVE) of San Francisco will begin a joint project with queer and queer-friendly businesses to speak out against violence within gay men's relationships. Recently, the BAPHR Foundation gave MOVE $1,000 for the project.

• Same Homophobia, Different Century Dept.: Fans of *Star Trek: The Next Generation* continue to write the show's producer, Michael Piller, to ask that gay and lesbian characters be included on the program. Write Helen H. Church and Richard K. Smith of San Diego: "You have the power to educate people by showing unequivocally that prejudice against gays and lesbians in the 24th century does not exist among humanoids and will not be tolerated by other races."

• Scrooge would not be pleased. The San Francisco Rent Board agreed on Dec. 8 to reduce the annual allowable rent increase for city tenants from four to 1.6 percent, as specified by Proposition H, which passed on the ballot in November.

• The Hookers' Holiday Follies, sponsored by the Universal Society for the Abolition of Pain and Suffering, takes place on Dec. 18 at the Victoria Theater, 8 pm, $5-50. Proceeds go to California Prostitutes' Education Project, an HIV prevention/education outreach organization providing health services to street prostitutes. ✿

Letters...

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Genocide." This is the second time this year that we have learned of racist propaganda being circulated in the name of Women Against Rape. San Francisco Women Against Rape (SFWAR) had nothing to do with producing or distributing this material, and neither did any other rape crisis center in California. It appears to have been produced by the White Aryan Resistance, which began using the acronym WAR about ten years *after* feminist organizations around the country began groups called "Women Against Rape" or "WAR."

At SFWAR we believe that the fight against racism is an integral part of the fight to stop rape. We are committed to exposing and combatting the racist myths that White Aryan Resistance is promoting, such as the claim that African-American and Latino men are more likely to be rapists than men of other races.

The truth is that most rapes are committed by white men; but under the present racist system of "justice," men of color—and particularly Black and Latino men—are more likely to be convicted of rape and other crimes. Because most rapes happen with people who know one another, most rapists are of the same racial and class background as their victims. However, studies have shown that women of color are significantly more likely to be raped than white women, possibly as much as twice as likely.

The fact, which White Aryan Resistance and other white supremacist organizations are trying to hide, is that women of color in this country are terrorized daily by white men. The lies being spread by the White Aryan Resistance flyer are not only offensive, they are dangerous. They have been the basis for tens of thousands of lynchings and state murders of men of color, and decades of ongoing KKK terror.

SFWAR is considering legal action against the White Aryan Resistance for the use of our name. However, the only real way to stop this kind of hatred and violence is through unified action to stop rape and racism.

Racism and sexism are part of the same system of oppression and terror. We are anxious to work with you to change this system.

Please feel free to call us if you have any questions or ideas for combatting these dangerous, hate-promoting tactics.

Kate Raphael
San Francisco Women Against Rape
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Bush's Concern

President Bush's sudden concern for people's needs in Somalia—or anywhere else—is highly suspect at best.

Somalia should be viewed on the same map as the Suez Canal, the Red Sea and the oil fields of the Middle East. With that basic geography in mind, it should be obvious that Bush is setting up a military base to protect the oil profits of American oil companies. It is also a means of protecting the strategic interests of American corporations in the event of any world conflict; the probability of such a conflict is growing with each passing day in Yugoslavia, and with the trade wars around the world. Trade wars have a way of becoming military wars.

The name of the game is always money. And since we cannot have both guns and butter, we will once again experience—with the next administration, which supports Bush's foreign policy—cuts in social welfare programs such as AIDS funding, education, housing the homeless, federally funded national health care and the like.

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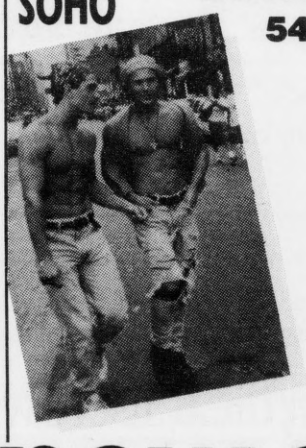
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aids treatment news by john s. james

Atovaquone Approved for Pneumocystis; Drug Activists' Success Story

On Nov. 25, the FDA approved atovaquone (brand name Mepron; formerly known as 566C80) for mild to moderate pneumocystis, as a second-line treatment for those patients who cannot tolerate the existing treatment, TMP/SMX. The drug should be in pharmacies throughout the United States by the time *SF Bay Times* goes to press. At the same time, Canada's Health Protection Branch also approved atovaquone—the first time a drug has undergone a joint, integrated review by the two agencies.

Atovaquone was approved for second- instead of first-line treatment because a major comparative trial found that TMP/SMX worked better for those who could tolerate it; overall, the two drugs had about the same "therapeutic success," but TMP/SMX had higher survival after eight weeks—97 percent vs. 92 percent—in that trial. However, 20 percent of those given TMP/SMX had to discontinue its use because of side effects; now atovaquone is available as second-line treatment for such patients. (Another trial found that atovaquone worked about as well as injected pentamidine, the existing second-line treatment, but had far fewer side effects serious enough to require drug discontinuation.)

It is important to take atovaquone with meals, because in its current formulation at least, the drug is much better absorbed when taken with food.

Burroughs-Wellcome, atovaquone's developer, announced a price to the wholesaler of $2.13 per 250 mg. tablet. The recommended dose is 2,250 mg. per day (three tablets three times a day with meals) for 21 days, meaning that the wholesale price to treat one case of pneumocystis is about $402. (It is difficult to give a retail price, since markups by pharmacies can vary greatly.) Burroughs-Wellcome has announced a program to cap the annual cost for patients without third-party coverage who use more than 411 grams in a calendar year—about $3,500 wholesale. This cap may alleviate some cases of hardship, although presumably few will reach the limit. Burroughs-Wellcome also has other programs for providing drugs to patients with financial difficulties.

DEVELOPMENT HISTORY, ACTIVIST INVOLVEMENT

Atovaquone went from human trials to FDA approval in a remarkably short time. Yet during this time, Burroughs-Wellcome conducted the largest controlled trial yet of a pneumocystis treatment, at 37 sites in the United States, Canada and Europe. And while the trials were continuing, the company provided atovaquone without charge to over 900 patients who had no other treatment option, through a "treatment IND" approved by the FDA. Credit belongs to Burroughs-Wellcome, the FDA, and also to AIDS activists, especially in ACT UP/Boston, who have done much to expand access to this drug.

David Peck of ACT UP/Boston released the following statement after the approval of atovaquone:

"Atovaquone's approval today represents a quantum leap in AIDS drug development—cooperation between activists, government, and industry, large-scale access during early development (which should be the rule rather than the exception), and the sheer speed of the approval process…

"ACT UP knocked on Wellcome's door 18 months ago, and asked for access to atovaquone during its development. Our agenda specified drug access guidelines such as: the target patient population, 24-hour drug delivery, an 800 number, etc., and Wellcome implemented this expanded access program with FDA approval a year ago. Over 900 people got atovaquone free of charge during the program—and ACT UP/Boston is proud of this accomplishment.

"ACT UP/Boston applied constant pressure on the FDA to move this drug through the approval process. This included my testimony to the FDA antiviral drug advisory committee, which voted unanimously in September to recommend approval. As recently as last week, at our urging, the FDA changed the proposed labeling on atovaquone to make its use more inclusive…

"Atovaquone proves that ACT UP and drug companies, despite our differences and our seemingly endless demands, can work together. For now, our role is key: we provide the power lines to carry community concerns to drug companies. If others in the industry are tired of our screaming, they can take lessons from the Wellcome of the '90s—and put the pressing needs of the community at the top of their drug development agenda. Atovaquone's success proves how well this works."

Therapeutic Vaccine Trials May Enter New Era

by Dave Gilden

A special panel set up by the National Institutes of Health is advocating an extensive test of therapeutic HIV vaccines. The panel's unanimous recommendation on Nov. 23 follows pressure from AIDS treatment activists to provide community access to these vaccines,

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one of the few new treatment developments that could be available any time soon.

Therapeutic vaccines seek to stimulate immune defenses in persons already infected with HIV, by periodically injecting synthetic HIV proteins. Preliminary trials have found that presenting these molecules in a format that differs from natural HIV infection prompts the immune system to increase the number of antibodies it produces against HIV. Other immune system responses may broaden as well.

Therapeutic vaccines' clinical benefits remain a mystery at this point, however, and the best methods for properly evaluating these treatments are unknown. To settle the question, the panel is proposing a "large simple trial" that will test the vaccines efficiently and relatively rapidly by measuring clinical outcome in tens of thousands of persons.

The NIH panel's original mission was to examine a unique $20 million appropriation in the U.S. Army's AIDS research budget. Congress directed that the money be used specifically for a large phase III trial of gp 160, a therapeutic vaccine which is made by MicroGeneSys of Meriden, Conn. Researchers at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research have been testing the vaccine since 1989.

The MicroGeneSys product is the most extensively investigated of the current crop of 14 candidate therapeutic vaccines. It may not be the most effective, however.

NIH Director Bernadine Healy, M.D., reportedly was infuriated at the way MicroGeneSys used a high-pressure lobbying campaign to avoid the normal scientific review process. She was able to step in with the panel because the appropriation's language provided that the trial would not go forward should the director of the NIH, the commissioner of the FDA and Secretary of Defense jointly oppose it. The money would then go to other Defense Department AIDS research (which is centered on vaccines and diagnostic tests).

Healy's panel opted for a choice that will require wide-scale community participation. The large simple trial will need up to 30,000 volunteers for a two- to four-year placebo-controlled comparison of three or more different vaccines.

The proposed trial design has many features that make it attractive. People in all T-helper cell ranges would be included, although the majority would be in the above-500 group. Any interested physician or clinic would be able to enroll clients. Data reporting would be minimal: semiannual reports on adverse reactions and current health status are all that would be required for most volunteers. Finally, there would be no limitation on other medications taken along with the periodic vaccine.

The large simple trial concept parallels most of the points raised in a consensus statement on the congressional appropriation signed by 15 AIDS groups around the country. Many researchers, in contrast, wanted the money to go to series of small preliminary trials.

Despite the placebo received by some in the trial, those with minor to moderate immune impairment may have nothing to lose. There have been some concerns that added free HIV envelope protein is in one way or another immunosuppressive, but the experience at Walter Reed and elsewhere has consistently found no evidence of deleterious effects.

For those with lower T-helper cell counts, the trial becomes more problematic. The one small test of a therapeutic vaccine in people below 400 helper T-cells (which used MicroGeneSys's product) found, not unexpectedly, that immune stimulation decreased as T-helper count went down. This one trial does not prove that people with advanced disease cannot benefit, and their inclusion is being justified on humanitarian grounds. Possibly, though, enrolling in the vaccine trial might make them ineligible for other trials of experimental HIV treatments should they arise.

Another issue is how to incorporate future improved vaccine therapies into the large simple trial. Such additions will extend and complicate the study.

An immediate question is whether the Army will agree to put the original $20 million into a community-based trial. Nothing in the legislation requires the Army to follow the NIH lead, and the kind of trial proposed by the expert panel is quite outside the Army's usual practice.

Biggest Research Snafu: New Antivirals Neglected

After six years of reporting on AIDS treatments and research, we believe that the biggest obstacle now to better treatments is in the early part of the drug-development pipeline—getting promising antivirals through preclinical development and into their first test of biological activity in humans. As soon as a new drug shows evidence that it might work very well in people, then medical, political, commercial and public opinion will mobilize to move it rapidly through the remaining tests required and to those who need it. But this mobilization will not happen if the drug remains untested and there is no data showing that it will work as an antiviral in humans. It will not happen if there is only laboratory data, or only a toxicity test in HIV-negative volunteers (which obviously cannot show if the drug is active against HIV in the body).

In previous issues we have already discussed the problem of the empty pipeline of AIDS drug development. Here we show that there is no lack of promising HIV treatment leads, by discussing some of those which appeared in just one issue of one journal—*Antiviral Research*, March 1992—which published the abstracts of the Fifth International Conference on Antiviral Research, held this year in Vancouver from March 8 to 13.

The lack of promising treatments for HIV infection reflects a management problem, more than the scientific difficulty of the task; very few of the existing leads are effectively followed up, because there is no one in a position to find the most promising potential new treatments, wherever they may be, and work together with the pharmaceutical industry or anyone else involved to make sure that they are handled appropriately and that unnecessary obstacles do not block progress.

Drugs late in the development pipeline can easily develop a constituency, because researchers are paid to study them, data exists about them and the public wants them. But each early drug is likely to have a constituency of at most a handful of people, and these small groups would lack the clout to get the drug into human development. (The decision to proceed seriously toward human testing is a very expensive one for a company—and the rules usually require a huge investment before there is any information on how well the drug works in practice in people.) Sometimes there are underground efforts to get a new drug tried, but without mainstream support, these projects usually move slowly. The U.S. drug-development system is set up in such a way that only large companies can expect to operate it successfully.

We highlight these issues now because the incoming Clinton administration may signal that the nation is at last willing to take on the responsibility of addressing the AIDS epidemic effectively, instead of denying the problems and leaving them

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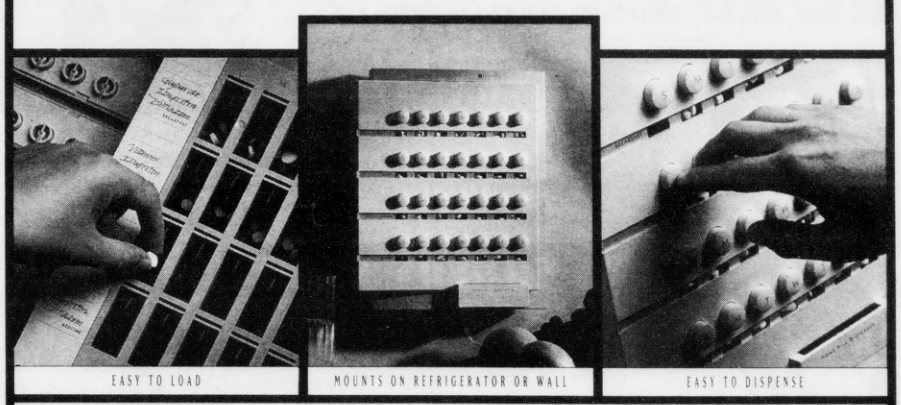

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That Was The *Annus* That Was

I do feel sorry for any queen who has trouble with her *annus*. I dare say we've done better. Any year that puts the Republicans and the presidency in separate households is a good one. (And that *horrible* soon-to-be ex-president can kiss my *annus*!)

Just to belabor a point (and with apologies to Ogden Nash): "A one-*n* anus thrills a queer;/A two-*n* annus is a year./ But I'll bet you a week in Hyannis/ You can't cite a three-*n* annnus." To which the answer might be: "Your offer I'll take. Providentially/ I've had three in my anus, but only sequentially." This would make a logical lead-in to my new carol, "I Gave Everybody Syphilis for Christmas", but space forbids it (not to mention good taste). (Although by now there's really no point in mentioning good taste.) If you're really interested send a SASE for the lyrics. For the higher-minded, let's raise our attention to the stars.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: Your feelings and moods are running especially strong these days. Any contact with the family is likely to get especially dramatic. If you can refrain from making demands or over-reacting, the drama can be fun. You're apt to be *extremely* sensitive to power issues as they manifest. Go ahead and introduce your lover to the folks. Otherwise, you're likely to be pushy and resentful of the fact that you're not together. Unexpected career opportunities will come up in the next two months, but they will challenge you to make big changes in your long-range personal goals. This is also an excellent time to get ahead politically, but it will take some shrewd compromises.

TAURUS: You have so much to say these days and it seems that hardly anybody is *really* paying attention. Louder repetition really doesn't do the trick, but does that stop you from trying? Paraphrasing may help. Your partner seems especially eager, but unable to hear just what you're really getting at. It will help to abandon logic. Try to convey it through magic, metaphor, music and poetry. Logic will come in handy in other forums. You're now able to win recognition for your ability to utilize ideas creatively; to juxtapose odd combinations and put them to practical use.

GEMINI: Money's been burning a hole in your pocket. You're dedicated these days to working your way back to (relative) wealth, but somehow working so hard isn't working by itself. There's a time for good hard work, but right now it's like fighting quicksand. The good news is that you can accomplish a lot, and you can either control your compulsive spending or surrender it to a higher power. For a little *divertissement* try reading some innovative erotica. Your imagination is just waiting to be sparked by something sexy and challenging.

CANCER: You're being awfully playful, assertive, pushy and bold, enough so to scare "decent folk" away. (How nice to have *them* out of your way!) You're presenting yourself in a more physical and energetic manner than usual. When everyone else is preparing to ring in the new, you may well be putting a new ring in! Enjoy this boisterous rush of energy while you can. It ends on the 26th. In the longer range you're beginning to take a creative new look at relationships and sexuality. The erotic rush of this week may be a catalyst, but don't be tricked into thinking it will be a defining condition of the changes to come.

LEO: In this "family" season you may be reminded that *Godzilla vs. Mothra* was a movie about homecoming. Come to think of it, so was *The Little Foxes*. You could always get a dreadful flu (Yeah! That's the ticket!) and not go. It's not you I'm worried about, dear. It's them. If you do go, be on your gentlest behavior. Working relationships promise to get rather interesting these days. Resist temptation and keep it businesslike. Take advantage of this phase to make alliances, not dalliances.

VIRGO: It's a good thing you enjoy working, 'cause these days you're hard at it. Actually it's an ideal time for combining creativity and discipline—at work! *Actually*, you're having some odd planetary stuff that could spell out profits through channeled innovations, or nervous collapse from determined exuberance. One does not rule out the other, so back up to combine creativity and discipline. Your friends are very encouraging, much too much so. Know when to say, "Thank you so much for offering, but no."

LIBRA: Your usual tasteful restraint may give way to party-hearty-mania. As the hostess of the zodiac, everyone is looking to you to put on the grand bash. All well and good, but don't feel compelled to spend a lot. Impulse spending? 'Tis the season for compulse spending and it's hitting you real bad. On the other hand, your influence is strong for getting others to pony up and share the expense for the big blast. If you're in a position to influence bigger financial arrangements, this is the time to do it!

SCORPIO: Now more than ever you are likely to blurt out all those terrible things you've half-wanted to say to your family, but never dared. If you can hold your tongue until the 27th, you may find a more diplomatic way of making your point. Oh well, by then you can begin repairing any damage done. While you're being so energetic and outspoken you might try writing letters, and remember *not* to mail them—at least until you've had a chance to think about what you've written. Edit and re-write until you think you've got it in a way that they can hear it. After all, they probably hate being criticized almost as much as you do.

SAGITTARIUS: It's not at all like you, but with your birthday past, you may be having post-party depression. Like there aren't enough parties this time of year. You may be pushing yourself too hard either dealing with grief or overindulging in eroticism. (*What a concept!*) Certain shamanic practices involved wearying oneself to a state of extreme exhaustion which would create visions and great insight. Have at it! On a more material plane, this is an ideal time to begin restructuring your finances. Over the next two months you can get some wonderful ideas about how to budget and invest more creatively *and* sensibly.

CAPRICORN: Christmas can be such a bloody expensive holiday, and money has been a problem for you lately. But if anybody can make fine silk products out of pre-fried pork rinds, it's you! Get creative, delight your loved ones, and save a bundle. You are bound to be so popular right now you'll have to negotiate with your partner about which invitations to accept. You could egg each other on to exhaust yourselves on the social circuit or you might spend time renewing the most special aspects of your own friendship. *Happy Birthday: Katie Tindall!*

AQUARIUS: Being very mature and responsible will help you to tune in to inner realities. Your inner child should relate very well now with your outer old fart. Such teamwork can be invigorating. This is an excellent time to push hard on your work, but be careful not to push so hard that your boss pushes back. You can much too easily obsess on your work. Remember obsession is when you double your efforts and forget your purpose. Every now and then: Stop, think, reconsider, and go ahead refreshed and reorganized. And don't worry about recognition. You're getting much more than you realize!

PISCES: This is an ideal time for tawdry thrills in faraway places, or for making a game of educational challenges. One does tend to rule out the other, and you, my perverse *poisson*, may deftly combine the two pursuits. Be careful who you play and/or study with. You're beginning a long period in which new friends will trigger introspection. New associations will invite you to examine the dark side of your nature; to confront psychic garbage. This in turn will cause you to reconsider your long-range goals in life, which will in turn lead you to introspection.... This is the culmination of a process you went through this last summer. A little review will help you to resolve it more easily. ✿

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"Women's Salsa Explosion" at the Women's Building with Tierra Nueva (shown) and Cana Brava on Dec. 19. See Calendar for info.

DEC 17 / T H U

You & Your Aging Relative: Support group for people caring for aging relatives, spons by Jewish Family Service. Focus on role changes, psychological impact, finding & coordinating community services. Open to all individuals, regardless of religious affiliation. 6 sessions beginning in January, $75. Prereg. required, call Allan Grill, MFCC (510) 532-6314.

At Barnes & Noble Bookstore: Poet Kit Robinson reads from his work. 7-8:30 pm. 2352 Shattuck at Durant, Berkeley. Info: (510) 644-0861.

Holiday Concert/Celebration with SF Taiko Dojo Drummers: Drum concert weaves traditional Japanese Taiko drumming with martial arts, mask dances, chanting, theatre & world ethnic percussion. An extravaganza of sound & beauty—don't miss! 7 pm, $10 adv, $12 at door. Event spons by GAIA Bookstore, takes place at Berkeley Jewish Community Center, followed by a Solstice/Christmas/Chanukkah/Kwaanza party at GAIA. Info: (510) 848-GAIA.

Rainbow's End, lesbian, gay & bisexual youth group meets tonight. 6:30-7 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors, 7-9 pm group time for everyone. Group for lesbian, gay, bisexual or questioning youth ages 14-23 only. Info/location: 457-1115.

Bi-Shopping Forum spons by BABN (Bay Area Bisexual Network): Discuss definition of bi-positive businesses, specific bisexual gifts for bi friends or lovers, and whether the bi community should support certain businesses. Come discuss your views, bring your ideas! 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: Robin 826-1636.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: PC Trends in the Lesbian Community. Joyce leads discussion on our community's changing ideas of what correct behavior is and isn't, and why. All women welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

Comics Margaret Cho & Mark Davis in a night of hilarious humor at Josie's Cabaret. Plays Tues-Sun thru 12/20 at 8 pm, with an added 10 pm show on 12/18. Tix $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous meets tonight, see 12/3.

New Horizons, rap group for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people ages 22-29, meets tonight. 7:45-8 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors, 8-9:30 pm group time for everyone. Leave message at 457-3523 (picked up Thurs eves), call 457-1115 for location info.

Queer Video Fest at Paula's Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.

DEC 18 / F R I

Circus Trip for people with HIV/AIDS, spons by Shanti Project's Activities Program. See the Pickle Family Circus' famed Holiday Show at the Palace of Fine Arts. Sign up required. Call 777-2273.

Holiday Open House Celebration spons by Women's Alcoholism Center for the Lee Woodward Counseling Center, an outpatient drug & alcoholism treatment program for women with or without children. 1-4 pm at 2201 Sutter St at Pierce, SF. Info: 776-1001.

"Do the Art Thang," group creation art opening with works by Rick Verlin Livingston and *Valerie's Birthday Party*. Art party 6-10 pm, 10 pm 70s disco with DJ Pause. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.

VOICES: Bay Area Lesbian Choral Ensemble will be holding auditions at the end of January. Interested in being a part of this dynamic & talented group of musicians? For info call VOICES at 773-9181. Ability to read music is strongly encouraged. Lesbians of color are encouraged to apply.

Marin BACW Dines Out: Join Marin Bay Area Career Women for some shopping at the Village at Corte Madera, followed by dinner at the California Cafe with some pre-holiday stories, and time left over for some more shopping! $1 events fee. 7 pm. For details call Lynne 457-4866 by 12/16.

Sex, Death & Jello: A night of films & video by Adrian Roberts at ATA (Artists Television Access), 992 Valencia St, SF. See *Open & Closed*, a autobiographical pseudo-documentary about a failed open relationship, *Three*, an avant-garde lesbian menage a trois soap opera, *This Sickness* an experimental narrative about a young man in the depths of depression, and several other shorts. Cocktails, art & ambience start at 7 pm, program starts at 8:30. Tix $3-5.

Witches Support Group forming to address issues, esp. around the Christmastime. Women only. Jewish witches esp. welcome. Info: Janette 985-7473 (leave message).

The Hookers' Holiday Follies at the Victoria Theatre: A night of dance, songs, art, poems, naked people, rappers, sex workers, clothes, hair, crafts, AIDS Awareness & more with Scarlot Harlot, Toni Lane, Electra & other surprise guests. Plus videos with the Mary Magdalene Liberation Front, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Unincorporated, Mutated Madonna & the Pope, and others. 8 pm, $5-50 SL fee, free to HIV-positive people. Proceeds benefit the California Prostitutes' Education Project. 2961 16th St nr Mission, SF. Spons by USAPS (Universal Society for the Abolition of Pain & Suffering). Info: 553-STAR.

Comedy Night at the Tea Spot Cafe, with comics Lisa Geduldig, Sabrina Matthews & Amy Boyd. Doors open at 7 pm, show starts at 8. Tix $5. 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 428-0932.

At Red Dora's Bearded Lady Cafe: Evening of four solitary performances by a crew of relentless women—Carmen, Naomi, Maria, Jen, Bashezo & Miranda. 8 pm, $5 tonight & tmw. 485 14th St, SF. Info: 626-2805.

Margaret Cho & Mark Davis at Josie's Cabaret: Night of hilarious humor. Plays Tues-Sun thru 12/20 at 8 pm, with added 10 pm show tonight. Tix $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

DEC 19 / S A T

Inspiration Pt/Tilden Park Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take Grizzly Peak to either South Park Drive or Shasta Road. Continue on to Wildcat Canyon Road, follow Wildcat Canyon to Inspiration Point. Meet 9:30 am in parking lot on right. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

GAIA Holiday Faire: Today & tmw, 10 am-7 pm. Holiday music, including medieval & traditional carols & songs from the 13th to 17th centuries, free gift wrapping & childcare, chidren's storytelling time, sale books & other treasures at GAIA Bookstore. Sark signs copies of her book, *How to Be a Good Feminist & How to Be An Artist*, Susan Boulet signs her *1993 Path of the Shaman, Goddess & Bestiary Calendars*, posters & book, *Shaman*; and plays medieval music tmw, 2-5 pm, accompanied by Eileen Hadidian, director of Mills College Early Music Ensemble. Info: (510) 848-GAIA.

14th Annual Celebraton of Craftswomen: A Winter Arts Fair extravaganza to benefit the SF Women's Bldg. 10 am-6 pm today & tmw at Ft Mason Center, Herbst Pavilion, Marina Blvd at Buchanan, SF. $5 admission, kids under 12 are fee. Onsite childcare, parking available at Chrissy Field. Info: 431-4141.

"Basic Tax & Recordkeeping Info for Self-Employed People," one-day seminar spons by Options Institute & taught by tax practitioner Jan Zobel. 10 am-4 pm, $60. SF location. Info: 821-1015.

2nd Annual Toy Run spons by Hell's Bells, women's clean & sober motorcycle club. Proceeds benefit the Florence Crittendon Center & Elizabeth Frye. Women motorcyclists & friends gather at 11 am at 2222 15th St at Noe, SF. Bring your own toys & gifts to add to those donated by organizations. Info: 621-3381.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) meets at 3 pm today & 12/26. Info/location: Jon Sugar 731-2424.

A Mah Jongg Chanukah: Chanukah Candlelighting & Celebration spons by Congregation Sha'ar Zahav at Laguna Honda Hospital's Simon Theater, 375 Laguna Honda Blvd, SF. Children's program at 6 pm, candlelighting at 7 pm. Premier showing of the play *A Mah Jongg Chanukah*, written by Sha'ar Zahav members. Play combines the essence of the Mah Jongg game with the celebration of Chanukah. Party includes dancing, food & raffle prizes. Tix $9 adults, kids are free. Info: 861-6932.

AIDS in Cuba: A first-hand account by two HIV-positive Cuban gay men, who speak about their experiences living in a sanatorium & doing AIDS education/organizing in Cuba, and discuss Cuba's AIDS policy. Spons by the Latino Network (Cardena Latina), Queers for Cuba, CURAS, La Red, AGUILAS & GELAAM. 7:30 pm at New College, 777 Valencia St, SF. Info: 995-4678.

"Winter Dreams," the Sacramento Men's Chorus in concert at First United Methodist Church, 21st & J Sts, Sacramento. Tix $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Info/res: (916) 444-5213.

Live music at Tea Spot Cafe, 2072 San Pablo Ave at Addison, Berkeley. Info: (510) 428-0932.

Free Holiday Party with Girth & Mirth Club of SF: Fun starts at 8 pm! The club supplies finger foods & refreshments. Optional gift exchange, 50/50 raffle. 176-B Page St, SF. Info: 824-0260.

Margaret Cho & Mark Davis at Josie's Cabaret, see 12/18.

Over Our Heads: Night of comedy improv & music at Mama Bears with Karen Ripley, Teresa Chandler, Annie Larson & Marion Damon. 8 pm, $7-9, women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl . Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

Annual Marsh Holiday/Benefit Party: Night of all-star entertainment, with lots of cookies, punch, singing, friends & fun! Entertainers/performers include Josh Kornbluth, Lisa Kotin, Ian Shoales & lots of others. Come celebrate, chit chat, help raise the curtains for the Marsh's new space. Fun starts at 8 pm. $10 or more donation requested. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.

Red Dora's Bearded Lady presents night of solitary performance by women, see 12/18.

1st Women's Salsa Explosion: Evening celebration northern Calif women in salsa. Dance to two dynamic all-women salsa bands, *Tierra Nueva* and *Cana Brava*. 8:30 pm-12:30 am, $8 at door (adv tix available by calling Sylvia 510/849-2215 or Judy 415/285-2168). Proceeds benefit Mujeres Unidas Y Activas, a nonprofit organization of Latin women. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St nr Valencia, SF.

At Paula's Clubhouse: *Transition* and *Bone Crusher*, plus 70s funk disco with DJ Pause. $3-5. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.

Eros' Festive Christmas Party: Come find out who's naughty & nice! Mr International Leather, Lenny Broberg, on hand as Santa; Mr Safe Sex, Andy Anderson, is Santa's Assistant. You get to sit on Santa's lap & tell him what you want for Christmas. Get your pix taken by well-known photographer Marc Geller, with a donation to the Stop AIDS Project or AIDS Emergency Fund. For time & other info call 864-3767. At Eros, the Center for Safe Sex, 2051 Market St, SF.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Overwhelming Colorfast* and *Genuine Diamelles*. 3158 Mission St, SF. 10 pm-2 am, $5. Info/res: 282-3325.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Marilyn Pittman, Suzy Berger & Mimi Freed. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

DEC 20 / S U N

Celebration of Craftswomen: Annual arts & crafts extravaganza benefiting the SF Women's Bldg—Final day! See 12/19.

***Menage* Holiday Concert** at MCC-SF: Join *Menage*, an ensemble of the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF, for a night of holiday fun at Metropolitan Community Church of SF, 150 Eureka St, btwn 18th & 19th, SF. 3 pm, $5 donation. Info: 861-7067.

Hard Candy Christmas: Holiday Celebration swing style. A candyland fantasy dance with vocalist Gail Wilson and *City Swing* at California Club, 1750 Clay St btwn Polk & Van Ness Ave, SF. 5-9 pm. Complimentary dance class by Cynthia Glinka, 5-6 pm. Plus guest appearance by *Vocal Minority*. Tix $12. Info: 554-0402.

BAHSES Safer Sex Musical: Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services hosts "Rap City: A Safe Time in Sextown," a safer sex musical for African American men at La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Musical uses safer sex raps, hip hop dance & house music look at issues of gay & bisexual identity, safer sex & negotiation of sex with partners. 5-7 pm, $15 suggested donation, no one turned away for lack of funds.

Christmas Caroling & Visiting spons by the Healing Circle: Join the Healing Circle's 4th year of Christmas caroling—visit the homes of people who receive meals from Project Open Hand, and help spread holiday cheer & joy. Come to 60 Brady St (off Market, nr Van Ness) at 6 pm to practice, then go caroling in small groups. This opportunity is not about good voices, it's about big hearts —come join us! Info: Gregg Cassin 863-2334.

1st Amendment SLAPPED: A panel discussion & reception with those attacked by SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation) suits. Panelists include: Mark Goldowitz director of First Amendment Project; David Beauvais, defense attorney in UC Regents vs People's Park, et al; Polly Montoya Girvin, defendant in Louisiana Pacific vs Friends of Enchanted Meadow; Carol Denney, David Nadel, Bob Sparks & Michael Lee, defendants in UC Regents vs People's Park; and a representative of the Freedom Socialist Party. 8 pm, donation requested. Ashkenaz Cafe, 1317 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 525-5054.

Margaret Cho & Mark Davis at Josie's Cabaret, see 12/17. Final performance!

Endangered Species play a hybrid of jazz. folk & blues at the Sugar Shack, 430 Haight St, SF. 8 pm, $4. Info: 241-0117.

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Women Writers Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6-9 pm at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Led by author/performer Ida VSW Red. Group provides writing support for women over 50. Info: 626-7000.

Women's Spirituality Group Holiday Celebration: Come celebrate the Winter Solstice, Hanukkah & Christmas with us! Potluck & ritual. 6 pm. Info/location: 457-1115. Spons by Spectrum.

Intro to Social Therapy Group: Intro to developmental, drug-free, group-oriented, anti-labeling therapeutic approach for people of all backgrounds. 6:30 pm. Call 267-0518 for info/location.

Bi-Friendly SF meets tonight & 12/28 at The Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for food, drink & conversation. 7 pm. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info/calendar: Pierre 753-0687.

At SF Camerawork: Theory Girls, multimedia performance artists (Laura Brun & Jennie Currie) who specialize in "feminist interrogations of pop culture" present "Like the Heroine in a Country & Western Song," an investigation of the "Florida lesbian highway killer" Aileen Wuornos. Plus "Carla Kirkwood in "Many Women Involved," the biography of a woman thru her encounters with intimacy & violence and her growing feminist consciousness. 8 pm, $6. 70 12th St btwn Market & Mission, SF. Info: 621-1001.
Gay Comedy Open Mike with emcee Marilyn Pittman. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
"Thanksgiving for the Change," dance with SF Dance Theatre. New choreography by Yehuda Maor. Music by Claude Bolling & Gershwin. 8 pm tonight, 3 pm tmw at 60 Brady St, SF. Info: 558-9355.

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2nd Annual Holiday Lights Bus Tour spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Join a group of older lesbians & gay men for a ride thru SF neighborhoods & vistas—$7 total cost. Reservations required, call 626-7000 ext 135 for info/reg.
"Thanksgiving for the Change," with SF Dance Theatre, see 12/21.
Acorn Restaurant Dinner benefit for Shanti Project. Two four-course prix fixe dinners served at this popular restaurant, at 6 & 8 pm. Proceeds benefit the Shanti Project's Activities Program. Info/res: 863-2469.
Holiday Sketch Party with Gay Men's Sketch: Male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by bodybuilder/calendarman Jim Rueth & artist/athlete Stan Stone. 7 pm. Res/info: 621-6294.
Video Presentation at Amron Metaphysical Center: See *With A Silent Mind—Krishnamurti*. 7 pm. 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Free. Info: 775-0227.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets tonight & 12/29 at the Bison Brewery for food, drink & conversation. 7:30 pm. 2598 Telegraph Ave at Parker, Berkeley. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.
"Jesus from a Jewish Perspective," talk by Jonathan Seidel, director of the Institute of Jewish Living & Learning. 7:30 pm, free. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.
Comics Scott Capurro & Marilyn Pittman at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Tonight & tmw and 12/25-27 at 8 pm, $10. Info/res: 861-7933.
At Paula's Clubhouse: *Heavy Into Jeff* and *Vibe Tribe*. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.

DEC 23 / W E D

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF.
Marin BACW Course in Miracles Group: Marin Bay Area Career Women sponsors this ongoing group promoting personal & spiritual growth. 7-9 pm. $1. Newcomers welcome! Info/location: Sharon 453-9317.
Comedy at Josie's with Scott Capurro & Marilyn Pittman, see 12/22.
Gay USA: NY-produced news show features national & international lesbian & gay news. Wednesdays at 9 pm on cable channel 51 in SF. Info: (212) 727-8850.
Lesbian Erotica Booksigning at Ecstacy Lounge: Aarona Griffin, author of the new book, *Passage: An S/M Romance & Other Stories*, signs copies from 9-10:30 pm. Come meet the author, then play & dance till 5 am! Info: 267-6915.
Holiday Party at Faster Pussycat! with Angela Motter and *Pansy Division*. Free candy, Betty Page greeting cards, and more! Doors open at 8 pm. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771. 3160 16th St, SF.
Queer Rock with *Pansy Division* at Faster, Pussycat! 3160 16th St btwn Guerrero & Valencia, SF. 11 pm, $5.

DEC 24 / T H U

Gay Community Christmas Eve celebration spons by Gay Community Services. 8 pm at St Paulus Lutheran Church, Eddy & Gough, SF. Includes free buffet & entertainment. Volunteers needed, call 431-4466 for info.

DEC 25 / F R I

Free Christmas Dinner presented by the Empress Tenderloin Tessie Holiday Dinner Committee, 1-3 pm at St Paulus Church, SF. For more info, or to volunteer, call Empress Phyllis 703-0345 or Rev Jackson 431-4466.
VOICES: Bay Area Lesbian Choral Ensemble seeks new members, see 12/18 listing for details.
Witches' Support Group forming to discuss issues, esp. around Christmastime. Women only. Jewish witches esp. welcome. See 12/18 listing for details.
Scott Capurro & Marilyn Pittman at Josie's Cabaret tonight, see 12/22.

DEC 26 / S A T

Skyline Gate/Redwood Park Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take Hwy 13 to Joaquin Miller Rd/Lincoln Ave Exit. Follow signs to Joaquin Miller Road. Go east (uphill) on Joaquin Miller approx 1.2 miles. Turn left on Skyline Blvd & continue 3.1 miles to parking lot. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) meets at 3 pm. See 12/19.
VOICES: Bay Area Lesbian Choral Ensemble is holding auditions in January. See 12/18 listing for details.
Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Sabrina Matthews, Karla Carmony & Amy Boyd. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Scott Capurro & Marilyn Pittman at Josie's Cabaret, see 12/22.
L is for Latke: A Chanukah Reading by the Jewish Lesbian Writers Group, with Jasmine Marah, Judith Masur, Lisa Carlin, Sabena Stark & Susan Schulman. 8 pm, $5-12. Women only. At Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Reservations suggested, call (510) 428-9684. If you are unable to pay, or have info & access needs, call (510) 540-5564. ASL interpretation by Judith Lerner, WA & CC provided. Please do not wear scented products.

DEC 27 / S U N

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous) presents a monthly discussion on 12 Step programs. Focus on recovery explored in the context of Jewish perspectives. Co-spons by SF Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Emergency Assistance Network. 6-7:30 pm, SFJCC, 3200 California St, SF. Info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.
Scott Capurro & Marilyn Pittman at Josie's Cabaret, see 12/22. Final performance!

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Bi-Friendly SF meets tonight for food, drink & conversation, see 12/21 listing for details.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Scott Capurro. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

DEC 29 / T U E

Video Presentation at Amron Metaphysical Ctr: See *Forgiving Yourself—Lazaris*. 7 pm. 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Free. Info: 775-0227.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets tonight for food, drink & conversation, see 12/22.

DEC 30 / W E D

Witches Support Group—See 12/18.
VOICES: Bay Area Lesbian Choral Ensemble seeks new members, see 12/18 listing for details.
Bondage Buddies Almost New Year's Eve Party: Private party for couples & singles into bondage & radical sex, in South of Market flat with dungeon & bondage equipment. 8 pm, $15 single, $25 couple. Info: 292-3228.
"1992: A Year to Dismember: A Queer Year in Review," SF comics Tom Ammiano & Karen Ripley bring their hilarious perspectives to the passing of 1992. A night of fabulously funny skits & stand-up routines at New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Tonight & tmw at 8 pm, tmw (New Year's Eve) show at 8 & 10 pm. 10 pm show includes complimentary champagne & hors d'oeuvres. $12 for tonight, $15 for New Year's Eve. Info/res: 861-8972.
Gay USA news show—see 12/23.

DEC 31 / T H U

Beach Blanket Babylon New Year's Eve Celebration: Get your tix early for this lavish, surprise-filled show: 7:15 & 10:15 pm at Club Fugazi, 678 Green St, SF. Tix $50-$100 per person includes the show plus champagne & sweets, party favors & post-performance dancing. Info/res: 421-4222.
New Year's Eve Celebration at IMA Cultural Center in Bodega: Dinner, live music & dj dancing (no alcohol served). Music with Melanie DeMore & Gwen Avery! Fun starts at 7:30 pm, tix $25-50 SL fee. Info/res: (707) 876-3004.
New Year's Eve at Josie's Cabaret with comics Marga Gomez & Mark Davis. Come laugh in the New Year with two of SF's favorite comics! 8 & 10:30 pm tonight & tmw; 8 pm on 1/2 & 3. Tix $12 tonight, $10 after. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
"1992: A Year to Dismember: A Queer Year in Review," New Year's Eve celebration with Ammiano & Ripley at New Conservatory Theatre, see 12/30.
Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonyous meets 8-9:30 pm at Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Free. Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors & multiple personalities. Info: (510) 839-8844.
New Year's Eve Jam at El Rio with all-women salsa band, *Azucar y Crema*; plus funk, house & reggae with dj Naadeah. 3158 Mission St, SF. 9 pm-2 am, $12. Info: 282-3325.
New Year's Eve, Lesbian Style—Celebrate with Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group! Bring something to drink & some munchies to share! Sunnyvale location. Call Marilyn 969-1260 for directions/info.
Gala New Year's Eve with Sharon McNight at Cyril's: Show includes champagne, noisemakers & dancing at the city's newest nightclub, an intimate space reminiscent of vintage 1940s clubs. Tix $40. Show starts at 10:30 pm. Doors open at 9:30 pm. Info/res: 421-4222.

parents & kids box

Come to the Western Railway Museum's fifth annual Santa Claus Train Rides for parents and kids on Dec. 19 and 20. Parents and Kids box has details.

A Mah Jongg Chanukah: Chanukah Candlelighting & Celebration spons by Congregation Sha'ar Zahav at Laguna Honda Hospital's Simon Theater (see Main Calendar, 12/19, for details). Children's festivities begin at 6 pm, candlelighting at 7 pm. Free for kids.
Children's Programs at La Pena: All events begin at 10:30 am; kids $2, adults $3. 12/19: Mascaritas Puppet Theatre presents "Madam Scrooga," a variation of Dickens' A Christmas Carol. Also Children's class teaching **Mexican music and dance**, taught by noted Mexican musician Gilberto Gutierrez. Kids ages 6 & up learn the music, song & dance of the *son jarocho* of Southern Veracruz in Mexico. Wednesdays, 4-5 pm, ongoing, free. Classes conducted in Spanish. 3150 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.
Children's Gardening Program at Strybing Botanical Gardens John Muir Nature Trail. Kids learn planting, composting & harvesting of vegetables, herbs, fruits & flowers in the children's garden. Call 661-0668.
SF Public Library Eureka Valley Branch Children's Programs: 12/22 at 10:30 am, for ages 3-5—**Winter Celebration of Songs & Stories** with Ginger Sands. 12/21, 2-3 pm, ages 4 & up, under 8 with adult—**Craft Program**, make pop-up holiday cards with Julie Dodd Tetzlaff. 12/29 at 10:30 am—**stories for ages 3-5**. 3555 16th St nr Market, SF. Info: 554-9445.
Storytime at Cody's series for kids ages 4-10, each Sat at 11 am. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852. Call to confirm reading schedule.
Saturdays at the Randall Museum: Programs for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Classes last 1-2 hrs. Classes start at 1 pm, sign-ups begin at 12:30 pm. Come early, space limited. Special winter season program includes classes celebrating Hanukah, Christmas & the Winter Solstice and featuring Hanukah Menorah-Making, Wreath-Making, Pop-Up Card Wkshop, Wrapping Paper Factory & more. Call 554-9600 for schedule & other info.
Animal Talk at the Randall Museum: Every Sat. Drop-in 12-12:30 pm and 2:15-2:45 pm. All ages, kids under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Free. No reg required. Chance to see some of the Randall's animals close up and in person. Call 554-9600 for info.
The Velveteen Rabbit: ODC/San Francisco, SF-based modern dance company, presents a dance/theatre production of the children's classic about a stuffed floppy velveteen rabbit that magically comes to life thru the love of his young owner. Production uses dancing, narration & music to relate a story about fundamental values of love, loyalty, growing old & being new. Play runs 12/27-29 at Regional Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek. Info/res: (510) 943-SHOW or (510) 762-BASS.
The Sound of Music: Peninsula Center Stage present the popular Rodgers & Hammerstein musical about the Trapp family. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2:30 pm thru 12/20. Tix $12-16. Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway, Redwood City. Info/res: 329-2623.
More Tales of Brer Rabbit: Lorraine Hansberry Theatre's 2nd annual production of well-known African tales and African American slave legends collected by folklorist Julius Lester. Play runs thru 12/20 at Lorraine Hansberry Theatre. For tix, showtimes & other info call 474-8800.
5th Annual Santa Train Rides in Sacramento: Sacramento's Western Railway Museum operates their special Santa Claus Train Rides on 12/19 & 20 at 1 pm. The train will run north on the old Sacramento Northern Railroad as far as Jepson Prairie, a federally designated national natural landmark. Santa will be on board, with special holiday gifts for the kids. Trip takes approx 1 hr & 45 min. Coach (bring your picnic lunch, or purchase snacks) and first class (hors d'oeuvres, pastries, drinks & special treats provided) service available. Coach tix $10 adults, $6 kids thru age 12, babies free. First class $25 adults, $12 kids thru age 12. Info/tix: (510) 778-RAIL. Reservations required.
The Rainbow Clinic: New clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. Info/appt: 476-4883.
Non-Biological, Non-Legal or Other Mothers whose parental rights are not being honored by the biological mothers: Are you in danger of not seeing your child? New support group for women forming in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311 for info.

galleries

On Exhibit at the de Young: "Viewpoints XIX: A Fascination for Objects: Picasso & Still-Life Paintings," on exhibit thru 1/3. "William M Harnett," the first comprehensive exhibit of the 19th century still life painter's work, on exhibit thru 2/14. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.
SF Museum of Modern Art: Photos by Linda Connor capturing sacred sites & spiritual artifacts, on exhibit thru 1/3. "Richard Diebenkorn," a major traveling exhibition of paintings by Diebenkorn, plus two programs devoted to discussion of the artist's work, thru 1/24. "Jeff Koons," exhibit of work by the artist, dealing with issues of class, race, fame, sex, wealth & power; on exhibit thru 2/7. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.
Asian Art Museum: "Brushstrokes: Styles & Techniques of Chinese Painting," on exhibit thru 1/3. "Splendors of the Punjab: The Art of the Sikhs," display of more than 20 paintings, manuscripts & objects of decorative art depicting leaders & various scenes representing Sikh culture, on exhibit thru 12/27. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, 10 am-5 pm. Admission $5 gen'l, $3 srs, $2 youth ages 12-17, free for kids under 12. Info: 668-7855.
SF Camerawork: Noon-5 pm Tues-Sat. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 621-1001.
Judah L Magnes Museum: 30th anniversary exhibit highlights the museum's important work in rescuing, preserving, encouraging & exhibiting Jewish art. Thru 2/17. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.
Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "John Wilson White: A Photographic Installation," thru 1/17. "Elliott Erwitt: To the Dogs," snapshots of four-footed personalities, thru 1/17; "Maximum Repose: Portraits by Ansel Adams," thru 2/14. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.
Cartoon Art Museum: "Pogo Golden Anniversary," an exhibit of the works of Walt Kelly, one of the first socially conscious cartoonists; thru 1/3. "This Modern World," exhibit of work by cartoonist Dan Perkins aka Tom Tomorrow, thru 2/14. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat, Sun 1-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids 12 & under are free. Info: 546-9481.
The Clay Studio: 52 Julian Ave, SF. Hrs: Wed, Fri & Sat, 10 am-5 pm, or by appt. Info: 431-6296.
Eye Gallery: "Famine in the Horn of Africa," work by photographer/physician David Heiden, on exhibit thru 1/23. 1151 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 431-6911.
Robert Dana Gallery: 1849 Union St, SF. Hrs: Thurs-Sat, 10 am-6 pm; Sun 11 am-5 pm; and by appt. Info: 749-1849.
Robert Koch Gallery: "Natura Morta," large color photos by Oakland artist Jo Whaley on exhibit thru 1/16. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.
SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Jewish Papercuts," thru 1/2. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.
SF Art Institute Walter/McBean Gallery: "In Progress," an exhibit of work by visiting faculty. Thru 1/18. 800 Chestnut St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 10 am-5 pm; Thurs till 8 pm. Info: 771-7020.
University Art Museum: "On Painting: The Work of Elmer Bischoff & Joan Brown," dual retrospective on exhibit thru 12/27 at Galleries 1 & 2. "Cecilia Vicuna: El Ande Futuro," exhibit of evocative sculpture by Chilean-born artist Cecilia Vicuna, thru 1/31 in Matrix Gallery. "Max Ernst: The Sculpture," exhibit of work by this central figure in the Dada & Surrealist movements, thru 3/7 at UAM/Pacific Film Archive. "The Television of Dennis Potter," 36 programs, a retrospective of dramas by one of British television's most acclaimed writers. Includes Potter's "The Singing Detective" and "Pennies from Heaven" series, as well as the "Blackeyes" and "Casanova" series, single episode TV dramas & 3 films. All programs presented at UAM/Pacific Film Archive (2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley). 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.
The Jewish Museum: "Bridges & Boundaries: African Americans & American Jews," a major exhibit examining the complex relationship btwn African Americans & American Jews in the 20th century. Organized by the Jewish Museum, NYC, with the Nat'l Assoc for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the exhibit features over 350 artifacts & art objects including paintings, sculptures, photos, documents, memorabilia & audiovisual material. Exhibit runs thru 12/20. 121 Steuart St btwn Mission & Howard, SF. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Sun, Mon-Wed noon-6 pm, Thurs noon-8 pm. Closed Fri & Sat. $3 adults, $1.50 srs & stdnts, kids under 12 are free. Info: 543-8880.
Turn of the Century Fine Arts: Paintings & collage by Amy Trachtenberg, on exhibit thru 1/23. 2518 San Pablo

Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Wed-Sat. Info: (510) 849-0950.
Morphos Gallery: "Patrick Carpenter: Recent Work," paintings & works on paper by Bay Area artist Patrick Carpenter, on exhibit thru 1/13. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm, Thurs noon-9 pm, and by appt. Info: 626-1936.
MACE Space for Art: Exhibit of paintings by Joanna Gregores & Rolando Castellon, thru 12/23. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.
Vision Gallery: "Ruth Bernhard: The Gift of the Commonplace," still-life photography by the revered master photographer, on exhibit thru 1/16. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.
The Lab Gallery: 1807 Divisadero St at Bush, SF. Free. Hours: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm.
Spectrum Gallery: "Angels," group show of over 40 artists in various media, revealing the sacred, veiled wishes of human consciousness known as angels; on exhibit thru 12/31. 511 Harrison St at 1st, SF. Info: 495-1113.
John Pence Gallery: 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.
Ghia Gallery: 2648 3rd St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sat 1-6 pm, and by appt. Info: 282-3832.
Mincher/Wilcox Gallery: Works by gay artist Nayland Blake, plus SF artist Bette Burgoyne's "Head," a series of sculpture & drawings. Thru 1/16. 228 Grant Ave, SF. Info: 433-4660.
The Owl Gallery: 465 Powell St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 9 am-9 pm, Sun & Mon 10 am-6 pm. Info: 781-5464.
Vorpal Gallery: "Landscape & Still Life," exhibit of small-scale paintings by Roger Balabanow and mezzotints by Joop Vegter. Thru 1/10. 393 Grove St, SF. Info: 397-9200.
Stamp Art Gallery: Handcarved art stamps on exhibit thru 12/30. 466 8th St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri 10 am-5 pm, Sat 11 am-3 pm. Info: 252-5975.
Black & White Laser Prints & Collage Portraits by Robert Bass, on exhibit thru 1/15 at Higher Grounds, 3170 16th St at Guerrero, SF. Info: 252-5629.
"Remains," an interactive installation by Sharon Siskin, about loss in the age of AIDS. Thru 1/3 at Berkeley Civic Arts Commission, Addison Street Windows, 2020 Addison St, Berkeley.
Recent oil paintings & watercolors by Jeb Brady on exhibit at Linda Penzur Jewelry Studio & Gallery, thru 1/15. 71 Redhill Ave, San Anselmo. Info: 457-4079.
"Three Mayan Artists," exhibit of oil paintings of the Mayan Indians of Guatemala, by Pedro Rafael Gonzalez Ch, Antonio C Ixtamer and Bartolo Quiacain Cruz; thru 1/3 at Cafe Carmelina, La Pena Cultural Ctr, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 549-2352.
At ATA Gallery: "Portraiture," collection of large black & white prints by Adrian Roberts on exhibit thru December; and "Rave New World," video installation by Adrian Roberts, on exhibit thru 1/2. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.
Oil paintings by Bridgett Curt on exhibit at Menlo Park City Hall; thru 1/5.

Laser prints and collages by Robert Bass at Higher Grounds. Check Galleries for details.

On stage

A Snake in the Vein by Alan Bowne. Explosive two-character one-act set in a NY drug clinic. A sensual, shattering black comedy. Theatre Rhino production. Runs thru 12/19 at Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF. Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm. Info/res: 861-5079.
The Baltimore Waltz by Paula Vogel. Bittersweet comedy about Anna & her brother Carl's Alice in Wonderland journey thru Europe. The pair flee the shadow of AIDS in a fantastical last chance trip thru a Hollywood version of Europe. Magic Theatre production. Play Runs thru 12/20. Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm. Magic Theatre Northside, Ft Mason Center Bldg D, SF. Tix $12-21. Info/res: 441-8822.
Pre-Game by David Curran is a funny but poignant exploration of macho male bonding rituals & the relationship between a father & his grown son. Play runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 12/27. **Ribs** is a revival of Colm Wood's two-character Faustian farce, a demonic satire on a dehumanizing interview between a sleazy Hollywood agent & his client, an actress willing to compromise body & soul for fame. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 10 pm thru 12/20. For tix info & res call 626-9196. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF.
The Weber Family Christmas, Fratelli Bologna's 5th edition of this charmingly blasphemous yuletide tale (formerly known as "A Bologna Christmas"), is about the Christmas rituals of the Webers, a "hyper-typical" American family. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 12/27; with addt'l performances Sun 12/20 at 8 pm & Tues 12/22 at 8 pm (no performances on 12/24 or 12/25). Life on the Water Theatre, Ft Mason Center, Bldg B, SF. Tix $14-22; preview tix $7. Info/res: 776-8999.
When We Are Married by JB Priestly. Classic British farce; a send-up of high society Britain revolving around 3 couples who, on their joint 25th wedding anniversary, discover to their horror that they were never really married at all. Hillbarn Theatre Co production. Play runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm thru 12/19. Tix: $13 gen'l, $10 stdnts & srs. MainStage Theatre, Foster City. Info/res: 349-6411.
At the Speed of Life: Elbows Akimbo (Michael Edo Keane & Johnna Schmidt) present a future parable about media control & resistance; exploring issues surrounding speed & speed culture, addiction, decay, technology & the myth of celebrity; thru an interdisciplinary blend of computer graphics, interactive video, sampled & live music & dance. Runs Wed-Sun thru 12/20. 8 pm. Tix $8 Wed, Thurs & Sun; $10 Fri & Sat. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 626-3311.
The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams. ODC/San Francisco presents a modern dance/theatre production of the children's classic about a stuffed velveteen rabbit that magically comes to life thru the love of his young boy master. Production uses dancing, narration & music to tell a story about the fundamental values of love, loyalty, growing old and being new. Runs 12/26-29 at Regional Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek. Tix $8-20. Tix: (510) 943-SHOW or BASS (510) 762-BASS.
Webster Street Blues by Warren Sumio Kubota. A compelling & humorous look at Japanese American life in the early 1970s, during the nascence of the Asian American movement. Asian American Theatre Co production. Play runs Wed-Sun thru 12/20 at 8 pm, 3 pm matinees on Sun. Tix $13-15. Info/res: 751-2600.
Baby With the Bathwater by Christopher Durang. A twisted look at a family gone far beyond dysfunctional. A wildly absurd comedy of insanity, gender confusion and rampant Nyquil abuse. Produced by Seven-Out Productions. Play runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 12/20 at Above Brainwash Theatre, 1126 Folsom St at 7th, SF. Tix $10 gen'l, $7 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 752-7808.
Outlaw Theatre II: Melting Ice—3 one-act "DrawMatic Executions," **976-Power** by Kathi Georges, **Elevate...Or?** by Ellen George, **If That's All There Is** by Paul Mendoza. Thurs-Sun thru 12/19 at 21 Bernice Theater, Bernice Alley btwn Folsom & Harrison, off 12th. 8 pm, $7. Info/res: 552-3034.
Beach Blanket Babylon holiday show at Club Fugazi. The nation's longest-running musical revue presents its customary holiday zaniness. Play runs Wed-Thurs at 8 pm, Fri-Sat at 8 & 10:30 pm, Sun at 3 & 7:30 pm; extra performances 12/23 at 5:30 pm; 12/22 & 29 at 8 pm; no performance on 12/25. Info/res: 421-4222.
The Holiday Show by the Asian American Theater Co. Family-oriented production weaves Asian American themes into traditional holiday myths & songs; focuses on the lives of 3 Asian American families, who resolve their conflicts as the story unfolds. Shows at 8:30 pm, Thurs-Sat, with 3:30 pm matinee on Sat & Sun. Tix $13-15 gen'l, $7-8 for kids under 12. Asian American Theater Ctr, 403 Arguello St, SF. Info/res: 751-2600.
A Karen Carpenter Christmas by Tom Ross & Morey Goldstein. Yuletime extravaganza features both Christmas songs & classics from the Carpenter canon, performed by members of *Big Bang Beat*. Produced by The Marsh. A hilarious pageant suitable for the whole family. Plays runs 12/17, 20-23, 26-27 at 8:30 pm, with Sun performances at 3 & 7 pm. 1062 Valencia St nr 22nd, SF. Tix $7-10 at door & STBS. Info/res: 641-0235.
The Revolutionary Nutcracker Sweetie, The Dance Brigade presents its 6th annual "nutty, rambunctious, irreverent, politically charged & delightfully perverse," multicultural dance/theatre extravaganza featuring music composed by jazz pianist Mary Watkins. Features over 50 Bay Area performers, including Native American & African American dancers, aerial performers & members of Axis Dance Troupe, a dis/abled performance group. Show runs Fri-Sun thru 12/20 at 8 pm, plus Sat & Sun matinees at 2 pm. $13 adv tix, $15 at door, $10 kids under 12, srs & disabled. Scottish Rite Theatre, 1547 Lakeside Dr, Oakl. Info: (510) 762-BASS.
Christmas with Judy, a one-man show starring Matthew Martin. Includes singing, dancing & impersonations of the great legends, including Eartha, Sammy, Peggy & Judy. Caryn Horwitz production. Thru 12/20 at The Magic Theatre, Bldg D, Ft Mason Center, SF. Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm. Tix $15. Info/res: 292-3218.
The Nutcracker: Oakland Ballet presents their new production of the acclaimed holiday classic. Thru 12/27 at the Paramount Theatre in Oakland. For showtimes, tix & other info call (510) 465-6400. Tix $6-$39.
Pocket Opera goes to Vienna holiday program features von Suppe's **My Fair Galatea**, plus selections from Viennese operettas. Dinner show performance. 12/20 at Ratto's in Oakland, dinner at 5:30 pm, show at 6:30; 12/23 at Enrico's in SF, dinner at 6 pm, show at 7:30. Info/res: Ratto's, (510) 832-6503 and Enrico's, (415) 982-6223. Tix $30.
Life & Limb by Keith Reddin. Dark comedy centering around a young man's loss of an arm & his subsequent difficulties adapting to post war (Korean War) times. Dark Horse Theatre Co production, produced in association with New Conservatory Theatre to benefit NCT's AIDS Education Touring Program for Youth. Runs thru 12/19 at 8 pm. Tix $12 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. 25 Van Ness Ave (lower level), SF. Info: 861-8972.
Happy Days by Beckett. "Temporal experience of incomprehensible transport from one inextricable present to the next, those past unremembered, those to come inconceivable." 1800 Square Feet production. Play runs thru 12/20 at 8:30 pm. Tix $7-10. 719 Clementina St, btwn 8th & 9th, Howard & Folsom, SF. Info/res: 255-8510.
Together Again for the Very First Time, a delightfully comic romp thru the music of Broadway, with Jose Sarria, aka The Widow Norton and Tommi Rose, star emcee of Finocchio's Nightclub. Show opens New Year's eve, at 9 & 11 pm (tix $20, includes champagne), runs Sundays only, 1/10, 24 & 31 at 4 & 6:30 pm at The Blue Muse, 409 Gough St at Hayes, SF. Info/res: 626-7505.
Animal's Positive Christmas, a viral celebration by Animal J Smith. Last Sept South of Market performance artist Animal J Smith tested positive for HIV. He marks this occasion with a celebratory setting of the Christmas story from the perspective of a gay artist with HIV, using the traditional text from the gospel of Luke in the King James Bible, along with rock bands, opera singers & a brass quintet. Show runs Thurs-Sat thru 12/19 at the Lennon Studios, 468 9th St, SF. 8 pm, $8-12 SL fee (or pay as you can). Portion of proceeds benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund. Info/res: 561-1441.

The Sacramento Men's Chorus presents its winter concert, "Winter Dreams," at First United Methodist Church in Sacramento on Dec. 19 & 20. For info, see Calendar.

"1992: A Queer Year in Review," with Tom Ammiano and Karen Ripley at the New Conservatory Theatre on Dec. 30 & 31. See Calendar for details.

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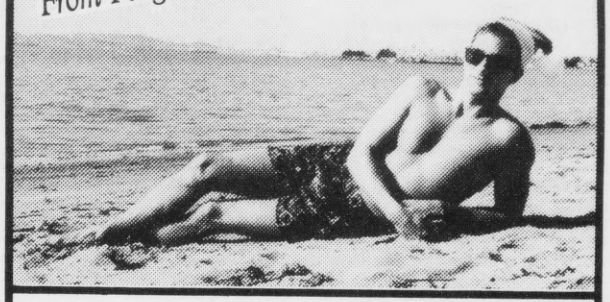

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ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area,* a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services deals with issues & problems surrounding HIV & its impact on multicultural, multiracial communities. Provides support groups for gay/bisexual men of all colors in SF & Oakl. Also provides transportation assistance to medical appts & to pick up medication to HIV positive people in SF. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Theater classes (theater games, improv, production, both beg & adv folks are welcome), art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-1701. All events are free.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Bobby McFerrin and Voicestra present "Singing for Your Life," a 24-hour celebration of healing and hope, at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco on Dec. 30 at 6 pm, free. Everyone welcome.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

The Healing Circle: Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm. 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info:

626-2316.
African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.
American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.
In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.
Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.
Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).
EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.
Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.
Persons With AIDS Theatre: Offers workshops & support groups; plus stage performances, fundraisers. All theatre staff are volunteers, all services free. 140 Page St, SF. Ste 3. Info: 863-1632.
Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.
Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.
Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.
Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.
SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.
CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.
Nutrition & HIV: Free discussion group/class in SF. Led by a registered dietician. For info/location call (510) 547-7893.
The HIV Connection? Group composed of a broad spectrum of people who question the prevailing theory that HIV is a lethal virus which causes AIDS. Send SASE to The HIV Connection? 1072 Folsom St, Ste 321, SF 94103 for more info.
Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.
Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.
ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.
HIV +/AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Thurs at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.
HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.
Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV+ Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.
Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV+ Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.
HIV+ African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.
Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.
UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.
AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.
Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.
St Mary's Hospital & Med Center offers HIV & AIDS support group for gay & bisexual men living with HIV disease. Tues 5:30-7 pm, free. Led by two facilitators. Group discussion focuses on the emotional aspects of living with HIV disease and/or having AIDS. 3-month commitment required. Call Korey Wong 750-4923 for interview/info.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Tues-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.
Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.
Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244
Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.
Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

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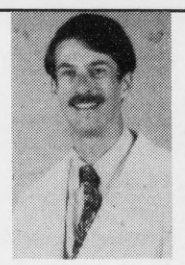

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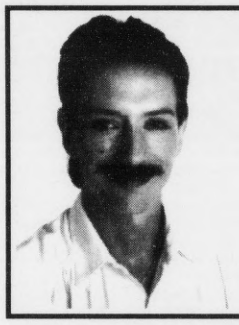

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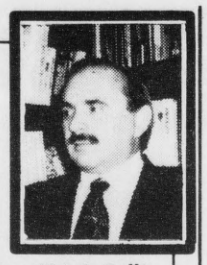

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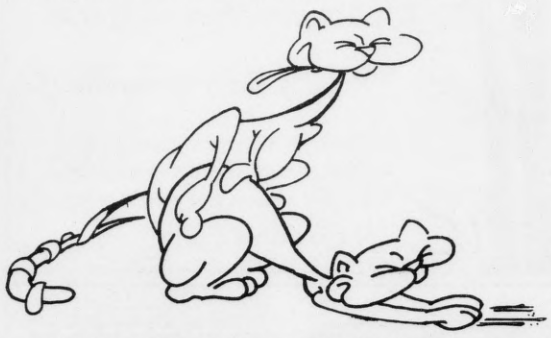

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16 Steps to Empowerment: Group for people who feel left out or turned off by 12 Step groups. Meets Wed at 5:30 pm. For info call Christine 661-5716 or Elisabeth 928-3679.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Men-Only Weight Watchers Group meets Wed 6:30 pm at MCC-SF.

Lesbian Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Tues, 8-9:15 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome.

Free Drop-in Group for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. Info, support & referral regarding substance abuse problems. Spons by Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern.) 1853 Market, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 626-7000 V/TTY.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.

Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern) provides group & individual counseling for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. People with other mental health problems or taking psychiatric medication, or living with HIV, are welcome. SL fee, no one refused service for inability to pay. Info/intake appt: 626-7000 V/TTY. Wheelchair Accessible. 1853 Market St, SF.

Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous Mtg (Lesbians Living in the Solution) meets Mon nights at 6:30 pm at The Meeting Place, 2187 Market St at 15th, SF. Room B. Come work on issues around sex, love, relationships & romance in a safe, anonymous 12-step environment.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.

Self-Mutilators Anonyous (SMA) of SF: Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Castro. This is a closed meeting, please call (510) 538-4563 for more info. SMA is a recovery program based on the 12 Steps.

Self-Mutilators Anonymous (SMA) Sonoma County: 2nd & 4th Tues, 7:30-8:30pm in Petaluma. This is a closed meeting. Please call (707) 528-9216 for info.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 1l:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.

Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Thurs of each month at 7 pm in Oakl. Info/location: (510) 465-9671.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Davey (510) 235-6657.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs of each month. Drop-in, self-facilitated group open to any bisexual, questioning or bifriendly woman. For location & other info call (408) 427-4556.

Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Support/Social Group meets alternate Thurs in Mill Valley. Infi: Marilena 381-8865.

WRAMBA (Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance), feminist discussion/support/political action group for bi women meets Sun, 1-4 pm. Info: Krista 661-1497.

Cogender Bisocial Group for bisexual youth, spons by YRIC. See Youth.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Intergenerational Relationships Between Lesbians: Lesbians who are or have been in a relationship with a woman 15 years younger or older than themselves are invited to submit personal narratives & photos for an anthology on intergenerational relationships between lesbians. Send SASE for guidelines to Pat Rutherford/Stacy Saetta, 3060 Porter St #31, Soquel, CA 95073. Deadline: 1/1.

1993 March on Washington Proposal Requests accepted from trades & business people for merchandise & other production items related to the march. Proposals should include detailed descriptions, copies of past work, proposal mock-up, name, adress & phone or fax, and a timeline. Send to: March on Washington, 1012 14th St, Ste 705, Washington, DC 20005.

Anything That Moves, *Beyond the Myths of Bisexuality,* a quarterly magazine by, for & about bisexuals, seeks feature articles, fiction, poetry, cartoons & photos for an upcoming issue on spirituality. Send SASE to 2404 California St #24, SF 94115 for giudelines, call 564-2226 for other info.

This Is Me Project seeks biographies & drawings from children of gay & lesbian parents. Guidelines: Kids ages 5-13, biological, foster or adopted. Subjects: Parents, friends, pets, school, life. Label drawings. Send SASE to This is Me Project, 1054 Capitol Ave, SF 94112.

We Shall Overcome, a fundraising anthology for ACT UP/Network, seeks submissions reflecting any type of creativity around AIDS activism—poetry, prose, excerpts, quotes, newspaper clippings, photos, journal entries, etc. Send to: ACT UP/Network, 8283 ¼ B Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90046 or call Dan Levy (213) 656-7676. Deadline: 1/1/93.

SF Int'l Lesbian/Gay Film Festival, spons by Frameline, is accepting submissions for next year's event (6/18-27, 1993). Work in any genre, length or form by or about lesbians & gay men, especially work by women or people of color, is welcome. For preview purposes, work must be submitted on VHS or ¾" tape. Entries received before 1/1/93 are without handling fee, entries after that date should include a $10 fee for return within the US, $15 for international return. For more info & entry forms contact Frameline: PO Box 14792, SF CA 94114 or call (415) 703-8650, fax (415) 861-1404. Entry deadline: 3/1/93.

QUEER FM radio show starting in January on KCSF 90.9 FM cableradio (Viacom channel 25) at SF City College seeks music in any form from out bisexual, lesbian, gay & transgender people. For info call 239-3444 Mon-Fri 8 am-4 pm or send SASE to KCSF, attn Michael Stark, 50 Phelan Ave, SF 94112. 24-hr fax: 239-3694.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game Night! 6-10 pm every Sat night at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in, free. Play cards, scrabble, boggle, trivial pursuit, pictionary, or any game you bring. Come meet friendly folks, have some fun! Info: (510) 548-8283.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.

of **The Healing Circle**: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call 476-4883.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Lesbian Life-Drawing Group: Multicultural group meets every 2nd Sun of the month. Models provided. $7 fee. Info/location: 252-8514.

Men's Figure Drawing Salon: Informal, free & nude. Wed 7-9 pm. Info: 626-8349.

Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.

Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.

Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9784.

Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.

Western Star Dancers offer country western & line dancing first Fri of each month. 7-9:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, Collingwood & 18th St, SF. Soft-soled shoes only. Call 621-0862.

Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

The Dance Brigade in "The Revolutionary Nutcracker Sweetie," at the Scottish Rite Theatre in Oakland on Dec. 18-20. Heather Baer (back) and Kim Epifano. OnStage has info. Photo by David Maung

Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Amateur Radio operators & those interested in learning about the hobby are welcome to call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.
G/LOV (Gay & Lesbian Videomakers) spons open screenings & mtgs for people involved in all aspects of the medium. Write G/LOV, Box 14051, SF 94114.
Like to read? Talk about books? Come to an informal monthly potluck brunch & reading discussion group for women. For info/location: Nancy 221-5623.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm, Sun 2-8 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & life-styles. 621-7300.
SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.
Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.
Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357
Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.
Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.
SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.
AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.
Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.
SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.
Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.
Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.
SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.
Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.
ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a countywide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.
Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.
Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.
Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.
SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.
Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.
California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.
Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove: Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.
Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.
The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.
Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.
AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).
SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.
SF Youth Line: 752-2000
SF Drug Line: 752-3400.
Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.
Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.
Ritual Abuse Survivors (RAS) Group: Group for women & men. Open discussion of all aspects of RA experience. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: Jennie 648-0347.
Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: 839-8844.
Support Group for Lesbian Partners & Close Friends of Childhood Sexual Abuse Survivors: Provides space for personal issues, while recognizing the overall societal context of oppression. Not a 12-Step group. Non-facilitated, group members determine group focus. Info: Suzanne 826-1113.
Incest Survivor Group for Lesbians: 2nd phase group for lesbians who identify as survivors of incest & childhood sexual abuse, and have completed a 1st phase group. This group focuses on sexuality. Participants must be in individual therapy simultaneously. Spons by Operation Concern. For info/interview appt call Alesia Kunz, MFCC 626-7000, Mondays, 1:30-3 pm. SL fee.
Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.
Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.
Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.
Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.
Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.
Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.
Rosalie Housa's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.
For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Pursuing Fertility: Support group for women who have made 10 or more insemination attempts. Group explores the emotions & complications associated with trying to get pregnant. Info: Marsha (510) 835-8919.
Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking coparenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.
Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.
Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.
Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.
Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.
Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.
Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.
Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.
Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.
NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.
Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.
The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents, see Health.
Support Group for Non-Biological, non-legal, "other" mothers whose parental rights are not being honored by the biological mother; or who feel in danger of not being allowed to see their children. Eastbay location. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311.
FOCUS: (Focus on Children Under Siege), see Political.
Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.
United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.
Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.
Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.
Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.
Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.
Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.
African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.
Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, con-

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ference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.

MAS (Multiracial African Support) Group by & for mixed-heritage "queers" who are proudly part African. MUST BE respectful/accepting of transsexuals, gays & bisexuals. Write: MAS, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990.

Nadlehs of Woda'abe: Support group by and for Native Americans with African blood who are equally proud of both cultures. Accepting of/respectful to transsexuals, bisexuals, gays, etc. Contact: Nadlehs of Woda'abe or N.W. #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Latin Lesbians of the Eastbay: Monthly mtgs just to socialize. Call Gloria (510) 530-3473 for info/location.

Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Anna 334-5040 for more information.

Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.

Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.

Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.

Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For info write ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114 for call (510) 428-0179.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Service (BAHSES) provides assistance to gay/bisexual men who are HIV positive—see AIDS Resources. Group spons by Black & White Men Together & Men of All Colors Together.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) support group for men & women of African American descent. Spons social & political functions, facilities outreach programs, etc. Info: Midgett 648-3658, Dewitt 641-7971.

Arab Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For details write: ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114. Call (510) 428-0179 for info/location of next meeting.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.

Female to Male Pre-Op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color. See Transgender Groups.

Young Women of Color Group spons by LYRIC. See Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.

Lesbian Chamber Musicians Group for lesbians interested in exploring chamber music by women of the past & music by women living today; preparing house concerts of women's music; and holding informal evenings for reading traditional chamber music. Info: Anne 661-3886.

Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble meets wkly in the Eastbay. Group committed to creativity & fun! Rehearsals on Thurs eves or Sun afternoon, instrumentalists of all types & abilities are encouraged. Info: 1-(800) 999-6795.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.

Women's Writing Group in pursuit of Wild Mind meets weekly for freewriting as well as critiquing. For location, times & other info call 824-9608.

Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311 or Marion (510) 208-3241 for details.

Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).

Sistah Boom, a mostly lesbian of color percussion band playing Afro-Brazilian/Caribbean rhythms at Gay Pride, pro-choice & anti-war events, seeks women of color, lesbian-feminist identified, musically-inclined & committed to unlearning racism work, to jam with one of the hottest percussion ensembles around. Info: Kay (510) 654-3360 or Adalia (510) 601-6844 (6-8 pm).

SF Fringe Riders: Bay Area's only women's country western performance dance troupe welcomes new members. Info: Wendy (510) 525-5912. For mailing list inclusion call Lilia (510) 271-5916.

LIPS: (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on projects with others lesbians artists in a studio space. Ongoing workshops in different media. Info: Pamela (510) 222-4552.

► POLITICAL

Outrage! San Francisco. Predominantly queer activist/direct action group devoted to exposing & opposing all forms of oppression. Operated by telephone networking & phone bank. Mtgs organized & called when needed around specific issues. To join, suggest an action, phone bank or attend a mtg call & leave your name & number on the Queer Line: 985-7141.

IRATE Anti-Bashing Project: Devoted to eliminating violence against the queer community by any means necessary. Also examines issues around violence, lateral aggression & internalized homophobia. Offers self-defense options & awareness. IRATE (Irked Radicals Addressing Terrorism thru Empowerment) is an affinity group of Outrage! SF. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. Group meets every Wed at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 7:30 pm. For info call the Queer Line 985-7141 or write QN, Box 34, 3543 18th St, SF CA 94110.

Transgender Nation: A focus group within Queer Nation fighting specifically for transgender rights, within the general struggle for queer rights. Group meets Wed at 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

Queer Scouts is devoted to exposing & eliminating the homophobia, racism, sexism & religious tyranny of the Boy Scouts of America. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.

Queers for Cuba works to build solidarity btwn Cuba's struggle to survive as a sovereign socialist nation & our struggles for social justice here. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94100.

ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.

GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. **BiPol:** bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.

Pallas Athena Network: An open, supportive network for women veterans to discuss issues, experiences, thoughts & ideas with other women who share the common bond of military service. Bimonthly publication, *Pallas Athena*, provides articles of interest to women vets, including letters, fiction, creative work & resource information. All women veterans, regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation, are welcome. A discreet supplement by/for lesbian vets is available. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Write: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

WHAM!/Bay Area: Women's Health Action & Mobilization, a women's direct action group committed to promoting women's health, securing & defending women's right to control our own bodies & have access to free community controlled healthcare for all women. Meets alternate Mon, 7 pm, at New College, 777 Valencia St at 19th, SF. All women who believe healthcare is political are welcome. Call 985-7141.

FOCUS (Focus on Children Under Siege) sees a future where children are no longer physically, emotionally or sexually abused. Monthly mtgs held 7-9 pm at Hayward Public Library, 835 "C" Street, Hayward. Info: (510) 449-4230 or (510) 449-9663.

Stonewall Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic politics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Ralph Payne 929-1591.

Eastbay Gay & Lesbian Commmittee for Clinton-Gore Campaign meets Wed at 7:30 pm. For info/location call Mark (510) 428-2333 or Therese (510) 524-0540.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Task Force of the Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission meets 1st Mon of each month at 5:30 pm in the County Bldg, 70 West Hedding St, lower level, San Jose. Info: Paul Wysocki (408) 275-9211.

The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.

1993 March on Washington Northern California (North Bay) Committee meets every two weeks to coordinate media, outreach, fundraising & other work. All-volunteer staff. Call David Bartlett 626-8016 for more info or to get involved. You're needed!

Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and National Men's Attitudinal Survey. For info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.

United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St, #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

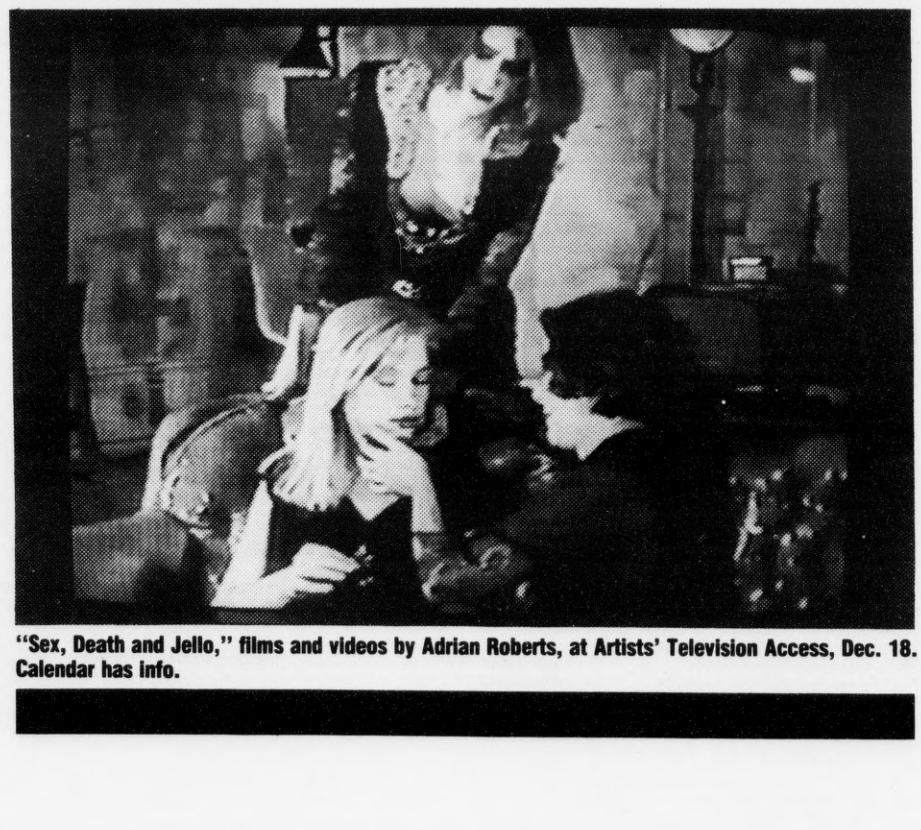
Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510)



"Sex, Death and Jello," films and videos by Adrian Roberts, at Artists' Television Access, Dec. 18. Calendar has info.

713-2455, (510) 596-3578.
Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.
Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.
Palo Alto Lesbians & Gay Men meet monthly for potlucks in member homes. All ages, both sexes, singles, couples & multiracial welcome! Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.
Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.
Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.
Couples/SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call Sam & Ted 929-8402 or Suzanne & Deborah 355-7710.
Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.
Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics: mid-twenties breakdown, generation identity, PC, activism, Bradys, etc. SF location. Info: 252-9097.
Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.
Russian-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.
Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.
Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.
East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.
New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.
East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.
Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.
Fat Fridays: Schmoozing at Cafe Commons, 3161 Mission St, SF. 1st & 3rd Fridays. All fat dykes and fat queer womyn welcome! Info: Susan (510) 658-3300.
Older Single Dykes Social Group: Social activies, friendship, networking & support in an alcohol, drug, s/m, smoke & perfume-free environment; for dyke-centered lesbians over 40. Dyke separatists especially welcome. Info: (510) 482-0635.
Eastbay Dykes Separatist Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.
Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.
Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.
Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.
Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 1788, Sausalito, CA 94966. Please include your phone number.
Zen in the Castro: Hartford Street Zen Center is a Zen Buddhist temple & AIDS hospice. Join us. Learn Zazen, Zen meditation. Info/appt: 861-6779.
Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.
Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.
Witches Support Group meets to address issues. Women only. Jewish witches especially welcome. Info: 985-7473 leave message for Janette.
Spiritual Company, a non-sectarian meditation & discussion group meets twice monthly to share the peace, strength, hope & love that our chosen paths have brought us. Call 647-9609 or write 95 Corwin St #2, SF 94114.
St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.
Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.
St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.
Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!
Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.
American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.
Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.
Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.
Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.
Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.
St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.
Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.
Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.
Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.
Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.
New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.
MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.
Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.
New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.
Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.
Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea (510) 370-0545 or Jeff (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.
Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 6:30 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7:30 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or Deacon Joel Daniels 864-3868.
St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.
Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.
Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of Christians gathered together as local Bible-believing assembly. Lesbian/gay positive outreach. Focus on sharing the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ with our community & to enourage one another in "the faith once delivered unto the saints." Worship & praise service on Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Tues eve sharing & study of God's Word at Dolores St Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF at 7:30 pm. For more into write PO Box 14462, SF 94114-4462 or call 647-0184.
Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.
Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Noe Valley: Friendly neighborhood & community church. Emphasis on liturgy, preaching, music, social activities. Rev Armand Kreft, vicar; Rev Karen Siegriedt, deacon. Solemn Mass at 10 am, Sun. 455 Fair Oaks St, btwn 25th & 26th, Dolores & Gurrero, SF. Info: 824-5142.
St John the Evangelist Church. Christian fellowship in strong liturgical tradition. Welcomes gays & lesbians. Daily Eucharist. Grief support, quiet prayer, Bible study, inclusive women's group. Sun service 11 am. 1661 15th St, SF, near BART station. Entrance on Julian. Info: 861-1436.
Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.
The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.
Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.
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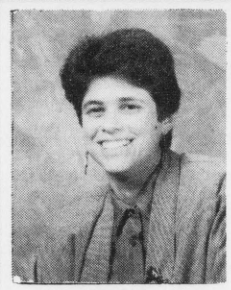
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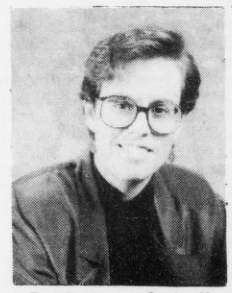
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Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

Dignity/SF: Faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics & friends. Inclusive-language Mass every Sun at 5:30 pm at Dolores Street Church, 100 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Call 255-9244 for more info.

Prayer & Support Group for Hispanic, gay & lesbian Catholics, spons by Dignity/SF, meets every 7:30 pm every 2nd Fri of the month for prayer at Dolores Street Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Dignidad/SF Catolicos gay y lesbiana de habla hispana se reunen para apoyo y oraciones el segundo viernes de cada mes 7:30 pm en Dolores St Church 16 y Dolores. Info: Jaime 252-7623.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St (18th & Diamond, in the Castro), SF. Masses: Sat 5 pm; Sun 7:30 & 10 am. Weekdays 8 am & 5:30 pm. Outreach to lesbians & gay men, AIDS support group. All welcome. Info: 863-6259.

Noe Valley Ministry: An inclusive community. Worship service: 10 am Sun. 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Info: 282-2317.

Peace United Church: Liberal Protestant church; small & caring community, creative worship gatherings. Sensitive to social & political justice issues. Two lesbian ministers. Worship service Sun at 5 pm; Monte Vista Ave at Oakland Ave, in back of Plymouth UCC, Oakland. Info: (510) 486-0625. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible.

GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.

Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study group meets every Tues eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

Emerge!, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.

First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.

Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Delores St, SF. Room 201. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am-noon at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 213. Info: 255-8460.

California Miracles Ctr: Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: 621-2556.

Marin Course in Miracles Group meets Tues 7-9:30 pm to discuss how the Course works in our lives. For location & other info call Bob 456-1108.

Aquarian Foundation: Church dedicated to God, individual rights, psychical research & spiritual miracles. Sun worship service at 11 am, spiritual psychic readings demonstrated. Spiritual healing services Wed at 8 pm. 2250 Taraval St, SF. Info: Rev Jann Werner 661-3622.

Gay Clergy Support Group for professed clergy. Socialize & network/exchange with other gay religious & clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 649-1408 for details.

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Baylands Frontrunners: For Peninsula & Southbay runners & walkers. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto; and every Wed at noon at the stretching bars, Angell Field, Stanford University. For info call Linda (408) 226-5966 or Jay (415) 858-2800.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.

Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular 40-mile ride each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

X-TA-C Cross Country Ski Club spons 1-day and wkend ski trips to various locations in Northern Calif. All levels of skiing ability are welcome. Monthly potlucks held during the ski season. Info: 330-5485.

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips, as well as purely social events. No membership fees. For info call 721-4299.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.

0**Wilderness Women** explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.

Pegasus Motorcyle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872, Ed/Eastbay (510) 531-5243 or Allen/Marin (415) 389-0905. Also check Main Calendar.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Northern Calif Rainbow Divers, Gay & Lesbian Diving Club. North coast dives, certification classes, social events & warm water dives. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.

Premier Soccer: Premier lesbian players interested in playing hard & pretty, call 835-1095.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.

Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.

Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.

SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.

Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 626-5427 x2.

SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm, 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Keno Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 695-0735.

Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.

Hand to Hand Martial Arts: Nonprofit provides dynamic, woman-centered martial arts & self defense training in the Eastbay. Head instructor: Coleen Gragen, 4th degree black belt. Info: (510) 428-0502.

PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.

Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.

BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.

ABS (Arcadia Bodybuilding Society): Int'l bodybuilding organization, organizers of the annual SF gay/lesbian Physique Show. All levels welcome. Info: 978-9495.

Lesbian & Gay Ultimate Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. If you can play weekly & want a good workout, you're welcome! Call Claire 285-0936 for more info. All skill levels are welcome.

Outdoor Activities Group: Meet for biking,hiking, camping, boating, etc. Dogs welcome! Info/details: Jo Ann 986-4507.

Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.

East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players soical group: Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Tues of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Drop-in Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group, Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

Women with Chronic Illnesses, disabilities, pain & hidden disabilities support group: Leaderless & egalitarian, emphasis on honesty, humor, listening. Share resources, problems, challenges, fears with others who understand. Mtg every other Wed in SF. Free. Call Leigh 285-8535.

Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.

Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Leaderless Support Group for Lesbians Over 40: Diverse, ongoing group welcomes new members. This is not a coming out or therapy group. Meets Mon eves, 7-9, in SF. Info: Barbara 552-9271 or Eugenia 431-6996.

Career Support Group for Midlife lesbians who are unemployed, changing carers, newly employed or underemployed. 8-wk groups facilitated by Lloyda French, MS, spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Mon 6-8 pm, low fee. Info: 431-6405.

Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.

Support Group for Lesbians 45 & Older: Focus on issues of our age group. Info: Ruth Gabriel 864-2565.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 431-8146.

Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.

Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.

Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.

Gay Male Couples Support Group meets wkly. Group for men in committed relationships. Info: 861-4045.

Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: Wayne (510) 427-4077.

Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Suicide: Support group for lesbians & gay men who have lost someone they loved to suicide. Info: Karen (510) 841-6553.

Fasting Support Group for Gay/Bi people. Meets weekly in San Mateo. Free. New fasters are welcome! Call Richard 573-8124 for info/location.

Society of Janus: nonprofit, non-gender or orientation specific group explores consensual non-exploitative dominance/submission, sadomasochism, bondage & discipline relationships. For info write PO Box 426794, SF 94142 or call 985-7177.

Men Against Circumcision: NAtional direct action network. Group runs a Harm Documentation Project, does Action Alerts, etc. Info: NOHARMM, POB 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

Eastbay PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4659 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.

SF PFLAG: Monthly support group for parents & family of lesbians & gays meets at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF, every 2nd Sun of the month. Gay & lesbian community members are also welcome. Info: 921-8850.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women,' etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.

12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.

Intuitive Hypnotherapy for Women: Free group offers help in assessing the unconscious for intuition, psychic development, inner guidance, health & empowerment issues. 7:30 pm Mondays, North Berkeley location. Info: (510) 527-3844.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618

Flikker Network: Network by, for & about FTM/TSs who identify as gay or bisexual men ONLY. For more info write to Flikker Network, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF CA 94141-0990.

SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.

Female to Male Pre-op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color or only: Biweekly mtgs. Friendly, warm & open to gay, bi & straight pre-op FTMs of color. Contact RK, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990, attn FPSG.

Living Full Time: Support Group for anyone living full time in the gender opposite that of birth. To attend, you must be living full-time. Group meets 3 Fri a month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

Transgender Nation: Focus group of Queer Nation, see Political.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social/recreational activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. Offices located in the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 703-6150.

QYA (Queer Youth Alliance): Gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth center. 24-hr hotline. Daily events, HIV-positive groups. For queer youth 25 yrs of age or younger. Call 750-3225.

BAY (Bay Area*Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.

LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.

Young Women of Color Group: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 703-6150.

GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program). For teens in the San Mateo area who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or questioning and want a positive & supportive place to explore individual or family concerns. Info: Josefa 342-5216. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA.

12-Week Process Group for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people, 17-21. Place to explore trust, self-image, relationships, coming out & other issues in a small, safe & confidential group setting. Info: Josefa 342-5216. Spons by GALTIP of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.

Young Lesbians: (25 & under). Ongoing rap/support group meets every Tues evening, 6-7:30 pm at the Pacific Center, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-8283

Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 3rd floor. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

Young men's rap group for gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning men 23 & under meets Fri 7-9 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

Cogender Biosocial Group spons by LYRIC. For meeting times & other info call 703-6150.

Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.

Lambda Youth Group: Gay, lesbian & bisexual support group for youth up to age 23 in southern Alameda County. Wkly mtgs on Tues, in a drug & alcohol-free environment. Occasional social activities, field trips, special events. Spons by Project Eden. Confidential. Info (510) 887-0566.

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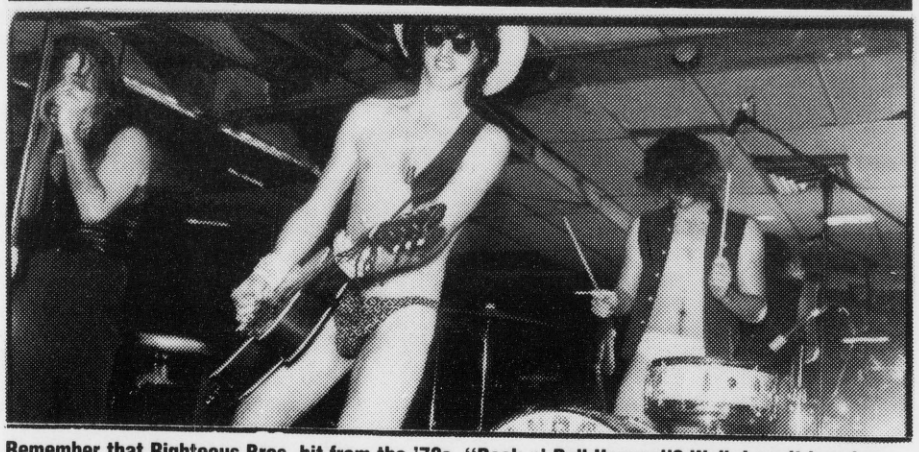

Remember that Righteous Bros. hit from the '70s, "Rock n' Roll Heaven"? Well, I can't imagine the gates of that heaven swinging open for the likes of Mr. Buck Naked. His famous hit single, "Teenage Pussy From Outer Space," clearly established that he answered to a higher being of a different origin. Wherever Buck may be, and Limbo must be difficult wearing a toilet-plunger codpiece, his life made many of us a hell of a lot happier. Great musician, great friend, great naked guy. Photo by Marc Geller

Santa's Little Shoplifters

This year, Christmas seems as remote and unimportant as the Fourth of July is to the average Somalian. I can't even muster up a good scathing and hateful diatribe about it, my usual yuletide tradition of blasphemous bile spewing forth from this column in hopes of ruining Christmas for people the way Dawn Davenport did in the movie *Female Trouble*, beating up her parents and knocking over the Christmas tree. In previous years I'd have done it in an instant and over much less than a pair of slutty pumps. This year I'm too removed from it to concern myself and thankful that I'm not knitting toilet paper cozies with doll heads on them for all my friends during Christmas craft rehab time in a sanitarium. "When the music stops please take the entire contents of your pill cups. Thank you."

Oh, it ain't that bad, but it's been a difficult year for many and it's best to not let the holidays compound the dismay or pressures of life. I've always liked those individuals who tell their friends way in advance that they'll only accept receipts of donations to charity made in their name for Christmas presents. I like that sort of directness, so I'd like to inform all my friends that this year I'm only accepting gifts that were shoplifted from corporate retail outlets. Loot from the riots doesn't count. It's a courageous gesture that even I haven't done much of due to lack of finesse and training. For me it's an occasional stick of butter from the corner store and that's it, but I'll no doubt try to get better during this debilitating recession. Stealing might seem desperate, but try to think of it as fun. However, don't steal from small businesses and most of all don't ever steal from friends.

It was brought to my attention that my friends Troy and Troy, who threw a marvelous and well-attended "this is not a Christmas party" party last weekend to celebrate their impending move to New York, have been the victims of party theft. Now Troy and Troy have long been San Francisco's biggest Madonna fans—maintaining a literal archive in a household—and friends to several journalists in need of info, exclusives and never-before-seen footage. It broke my heart to learn that some lowlife swine stole their copy of Madonna's book, *Sex*. Imagine, after bestowing all that generosity upon their guests, some queen had to go and rip off their latest addition to a quite detailed collection. It's wretched, a blatant desecration of the duo's hard work and commitment. So, return it now, you fucking bitch, provided you can read this threat, which is doubtful. You're dead meat and San Francisco is a pretty small town to hide in. Before long you won't be able to grab a cocktail anywhere besides the Rawhide II at last call wearing a cowboy hat and using an alias. Better learn the two-step. Return it anonymously or get the hell out of town.

BUY QUEER

Aside from shoplifting, a swell option for gift-giving is to buy queer, like "buy American" only not. I've given the gift of music to people for Christmas a lot in the past and this year you not only have the opportunity to buy queer in that department, you can buy local queer and still have a buck for the bus home. Super bitchin' fag rockers Pansy Division have a saucy 7-inch single out with a nice Sub-pop-looking photo cover of one of their dancer girlfriends looking uber-grunge rock. It was Alex, who you'll see much more of in the future as I understand it. He's the cover star of their upcoming CD release and, well, he's reportedly stark-naked full-on. The three songs included here are the near-classic "Femme in a Black Leather Jacket," a tongue-in-cheek homo reworking of Nirvana's big hit, "Smells Like Queer Spirit" and, coincidentally, a lovely little Christmas song that head Pansy Jon Ginoli wrote last year. I'm proud to say that Jon chose an inspirational image from my last Christmas column and worked it into the lyrics of this holiday ditty. It's the part about candy canes

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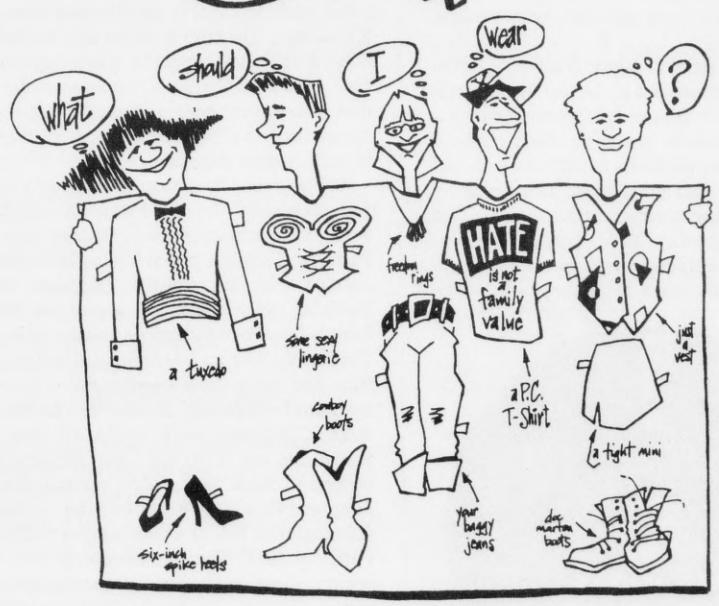

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up the butt—big candy canes. I think it's sweet. Let's put the penetration back in Christmas. In all it's a choice piece of vinyl and should be selling like holiday hotcakes even post-holiday. Look for the upcoming CD, bound to be controversial.

Incidentally, Alex, the cover star/dancer, doesn't spend all of his time in front of the camera naked, he also takes photographs. A sampling of his shots and other offerings by local shutterbugs are featured in a new calendar called "Girlfriend!" This is the first calendar to feature all drag queens by the month. It's a charmed collection of our nation's best, brought to you by Edward Berrones, the creator of *Homoture*. For a mere $3.99, it's a great Christmas notion for a pal or maybe just for your own year-long enjoyment.

Back to music, there's another vinyl offering out there from a local and I must say how nice it is to type the word vinyl again in the age of compact discs. What's even nicer is playing the 7-inch single released by Spokepoker. I missed their set recently at the Kennel Club opening for 4 Non-Blondes but I heard the trio grabbed hold of the crowd real good. Their record includes the songs "Firepan" and "Mercy," and captures the magic that I glimpsed from one of the band's first-ever performances. Mark my words, this band is on it. We'll be hearing about them.

Another queer music gift idea is a CD by Helot Revolt, the band that claims to be the first all-queer-metal band. The disc is a playful romp through a great idea, combining heavy metal with homo attitude. The song "Shirts and Skins," about the common gym-class team identification thing is absolutely hilarious and just psycho-sexually twisted enough. The CD's name alone makes it worth gving: *In Your Face... Up Your Butt*. Buy it.

A SAVIOR IS BORN AT PARADISE LOUNGE

In clubland, the brightest spot of the season has been shining from a new position, one that hasn't shot a distinctly queer-powered light across the galaxy since SoMa was called Folsom Street, or the Miracle Mile, if you will. Wise men should follow that light, for on Monday nights, born unto us, a saviour, and honey, she ain't wearing swaddling clothes! I'm talking about the Paradise Lounge and their Monday-night presentation of Forbidden Planet, a daring drag showcase. Hosted by the inimitable and gorgeous Miss Bambi Lake, Forbidden Planet has provided more quality entertainment, artistic respect and pure talent in its short existence than all of clubland can seem to muster up in a month. It is the most important club development in ages, indicative of credit where credit is due, and rich with an equal sense of both heritage and cutting edge meeting head on and not ripping each other's wigs off in the ladies' room, so to speak. It's refreshing when old and new don't pull the oil-and-water routine for a change. It's classy and that's what you can expect there.

Bambi cuts a striking figure as madame of the house. She's decked out in the tasteful, elegant creations of NY's Glamamour, presiding over a stable of continually changing cross-genderal talent given the opportunity to perform with real live musicians, and good ones, assembled by Bambi and the club to serve as a house band. That is the secret of why this club is so great. They provide a live band of talented musicians who respectably back up individuals heretofore exiled to the land of taped accompaniment or, in many cases, thought of as unworthy or freaky drag novelty. The band, dubbed the Living End, gives the impression of music-makin' good ole boys, and Bambi's refined maturity and toughness as she fronts them brings to mind one of my favorite television shows of all time, *The Big Valley*. Bambi is the Victoria Barkley of drag queens, and you know those Barkleys, they stick together and protect their clan. It's a great dynamic for a nightclub.

Past Mondays have featured some great acts, most notably Arturo as Chesty Baker. Arturo Galster is best known for his Patsy Cline incarnation. More recently at the Du Nord, he started performing Chet Baker songs with some great musicians and that took off. One night he was due to play and had been attacked a few days before, left with a gash over his eye. He thought performing with that wound seemed like a Chet Baker-like thing to do, but at the last minute he threw on a short blond bob with a bit of that Veronica Lake action over his eye and played as Chesty, Chet's sister. At Forbidden Planet's opening night he did Chesty and it was one of the richest and sexiest performances by a vocalist I've seen in some time. Catch this act. And for Christ's sake, run, don't walk to future nights at Forbidden Planet. It's a great club with a surprisingly wide appeal. I love the unsuspecting hetero males who pop in, enjoy themselves and tell their friends at work the next day about the gorgeous babes they watched belting out songs at the Paradise. Look for future dates by Justin Bond, Pussy Tourette, and many more of our favorites. I'd love to see the retired but energetic living legend Jose Sarria of Black Cat fame do a number or two there, and who's to stop the impromptu formation of a drag supergroup sometime? Bambi hopes to feature some local drag-friendly rock groups in the future, perhaps even popping a drag cherry or two along the way as some full glamour potentials are realized. Perhaps the legendary Cinnamon Girls, the all-drag Neil Young cover band, will reform for a night and show there. Rumor has it that when Bomb returns from touring with the Flaming Lips, one or two of the fab four may join in the fun, playing with the Living End. Essentially, this club is a club with a future, just give it a chance to take hold, because people who pay money to get into a club are going to want a little something in return. Forbidden Planet gives far more than a little something and that's a good value. Many thanks to the fine people of the Paradise, who are clever enough to sense that 1993 is indeed the Year of the Drag Queen. In time I could imagine the introduction of Barbie's new friend, Alex, or Alexis, complete with his/her Tenderloin Penthouse Dream Room, no visitors after 10.

HOLIDAY CLUB NOTES

One recent surprise felt a lot like Christmas come early and that is the fabulous news about Klubstitute. The club in limbo was invited to inhabit a new and wonderful space beginning on Dec. 19 at Eichelberger's, a restaurant/bar space that shows exciting potential. It's located somewhere on 17th Street and opening night will be a Christmas pageant.

At Fusion on Christmas eve you might rush out and catch Ruby Toosday's Rated X-mas Revue. Ruby, the consummate date, was last seen as the Partridge Family's bus at Klubstitute, reuniting onstage with the real-life Partridge Family. Tonight, she brings to us some of her fabulous friends from the Motherlode and the heart of the Tenderloin, like La La, Jelousy, Chelsea, Sasha Blue and more for a holiday show. It will be designed for the many, many folks out there who think Christmas isn't really all that nice. Showtimes are 11:30 and 1 am. Be there if you happen to think the holidays are one big giant drag, and God bless Ruby Toosday, a true professional, one hell of an actress (her audition for *Valley of the Dolls* was astonishing) and a dear person whose wisdom has set me straight a time or two. She's got a heart of gold and can be many a guy's best friend and has taught a number of local lovelies much about getting by in the City. Ruby, you're the true embodiment of Christmas spirit—now go kick that fat man off the roof, would you. ✿

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Angela Motter (shown here in her version of femme drag) appears with Pansy Division at Faster Pussycat!'s holiday party on Dec. 23.

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Girls, Guitars And Granola

Lesbians and acoustic guitars. They go together like, well, cereal and milk. Yep, I'm sure way back when Sappho ran her school for girls, as the gals sat looking over the Aegean, somebody would pull out a lyre or whatever the hell they had then and sing about sisterhood and peace on Lesbos.

Some 2,500 years later, Alix Dobkin was born, and things haven't been the same since. Dobkin, long ago dubbed the "Head Lesbian," has made a career out of being unfashionable. Her 1973 album, *Lavender Jane Loves Women*, still stands as a landmark of lesbian culture. I know my lesbian aunt dragged it out to play for me when I came out, like some rite of initiation. It was very sweet hearing the scratches.

But now you don't have to put *your* lesbian niece through that experience, because Ladyslipper has released a 20-song Dobkin retrospective, *Love and Politics: a 30 Year Saga*. Compiled by Dobkin herself, with accompanying liner notes and complete lyrics, the collection serves as one very personal and political guide to the lesbian feminist community of the last 20 years.

For some, this'll be a spin down memory lane, for others, an herstorical document, and still others, a chance to get acquainted with a figure who has served as a lesbian mentor to Phranc and an advocate of lesbian separatism. Dobkin can be fierce and polemical—I don't think she'd take that as an insult—and her lyrics can be pretty content-heavy. A song like "Some Boys" isn't a pleasant listen, but it's meant to disturb. As Dobkin writes, it "scares and distresses some women, because men's hatred is scary and distressing, and they'd rather not think about it."

On the other hand, lyrics like "I'm not monogamous anymore" ("Denny's Tune") just make me laugh. The liner notes are sometimes more interesting than the songs themselves, I have to say. At times she's so earnest, I could scream. Still, there's lots to appreciate here. My favorites include "The Woman in Your Life," "Amazon ABC" and "Lesbian Code."

Love isn't a very controversial topic. It's her politics that have gotten Dobkin into trouble, since she's been a vocal contributor to every debate in the lesbian community, from S/M to transsexuals at Michigan. Dobkin's not shy about giving her opinion, whether one agrees with it or not. As she sings in "My Lesbian Wars," "I'm not ashamed to be a pushy Jewish girl."

"ANOTHER POST-BEATNIK INTELLECTUAL GRANOLA CHICK"

When *Creem* reviewed Kristen Hall's *Fact and*

Fiction CD, the magazine's stamp of approval came with the proviso that the Atlanta-based singer/songwriter not become one of the above-mentioned "chicks." Hall has enough of a sense of humor that she turned the backhanded compliment into a T-shirt. Resilience is a trademark of her songs, which are a chronicle of bad relationships and travels far afield.

Having played the Starry Plough this summer while on tour with the Indigo Girls, she returned for solo shows on Dec. 4 and 6. After raiding her back catalogue the first night, she played a bunch of new songs, some of which didn't even have titles yet. Delivering heart-rending lyric after lyric in her husky, jagged-edged voice, she directed the audience's attention away from the distractions of the bar and onto the matters at hand. Many in the appreciative crowd seemed familiar with the music and shouted out requests. A few even sang the harmony line on one song, "Too Long Running."

Tired of Atlanta, Hall wants to move someplace that's new, fresh and welcoming, and so she's heading for.... Boulder, Colorado! You know, that would be my number-one recommendation for a lesbian seeking greener pastures. "It's not everybody's fault," she said of Amendment 2. "I think I can be of use there, do some benefits." Her Atlanta colleague Angela Motter speculates Hall's rush to the Rockies is somehow girlfriend-related, but Hall simply said she wants to find herself.

Meanwhile, Motter has a new tape out, *Outta Control*, which covers musical ground from blues to pop over its eight songs. I've heard "Finely Tuned Machine" and the title track before as solo acoustic numbers, but here, the production and band give the songs added flair. Motter's slide guitar technique is a standout, and her voice is flexible. The extremes would be the bland, albeit well-done, ballad "Out of the Blue" and the rambling blues heard in her cover of Robert Johnson's "Preachin Blues."

Motter admits on the phone that she's in transition and is as yet unsure as to whether she'll go the MOR or slide guitar routes. (I'd vote for the slide route myself.) "I really want to be on MTV," she says plaintively. Eh, right. I suspect the labyris and leather suspenders she wears may exempt her from that market, but as Motter points out, k.d. lang sold more records after she came out than before.

Outta Control is available from Big Deal Records, P.O. Box 5543, Atlanta, GA 30307, and Motter will have some with her to sell when she makes her SF debut with an early set at Faster Pussycat Dec. 23.

TWO MORE SINGLE, ER, SOLO ACTS

One of Motter's wishes is to be on a major label so she can write songs with Shawn Colvin, who broke onto the national scene with 1989's much-acclaimed *Steady On* (Columbia). At first listen, the followup, *Fat City*, doesn't measure up, not having an instant hit like "Diamond in the Rough" or "Shotgun Down the Avalanche." It's not that it's bad, it's just more subtle, though there are obvious singles-oriented songs, such as "Object of My Affection."

The ones that grabbed me after a few listens were "Tennessee" and "Set the Prairie on Fire." Colvin explains in the press notes that she was trying to capture a mood in the recording—the so-called golden hour when the sun is setting. To me, though, "Prairie" sounds like pure sex. Co-written by Shawn and her friend Elly Brown, the song oozes unleashed desire. In a breathy voice, Colvin sings, "I wanna cover every inch of you like ink on paper/ It's a song our fingers play all at once and together./ You can bet we never learned it, but we've known it forever." This could be a frutiful collaboration.

Colvin's got the ear of a number of influential industry people. For this record, she worked with Joni Mitchell's husband, Larry Klein, at the couple's studio near L.A., and Mitchell's handclaps can be heard on "Object." Another friend, Mary-Chapin Carpenter, contributes vocals to "Climb On a Back (That's Strong)."

Colvin's labelmate, New Yorker Brenda Kahn, played the Paradise Lounge Dec. 2 in support of *Epiphany in Brooklyn*, her debut on Chaos/Columbia. Kahn can get a little too clever with her lyrics, but her songs do reveal a sharp sense of observation and some punk influences. Like Hall, Kahn writes much of her material on the road, and her songs are peppered with references to places she's been, dropped into the middle of songs about her boyfriend and their crappy relationship. Maybe she should listen to some Alix Dobkin.

ENDNOTES...

Well, I'm trying to ignore the impending holidays, while others are making the most of them. The Hell's Belles Women's Motorcycle Club is reprising its holiday toy run on Dec. 19 to benefit women in recovery and their children. The riders will gather at 2222 15th St. at 11 AM and welcome women riders and donations of toys...Tribe 8 will play in conjunction with a revamped Femjam on Dec. 23 at the Paradise Lounge. ✿

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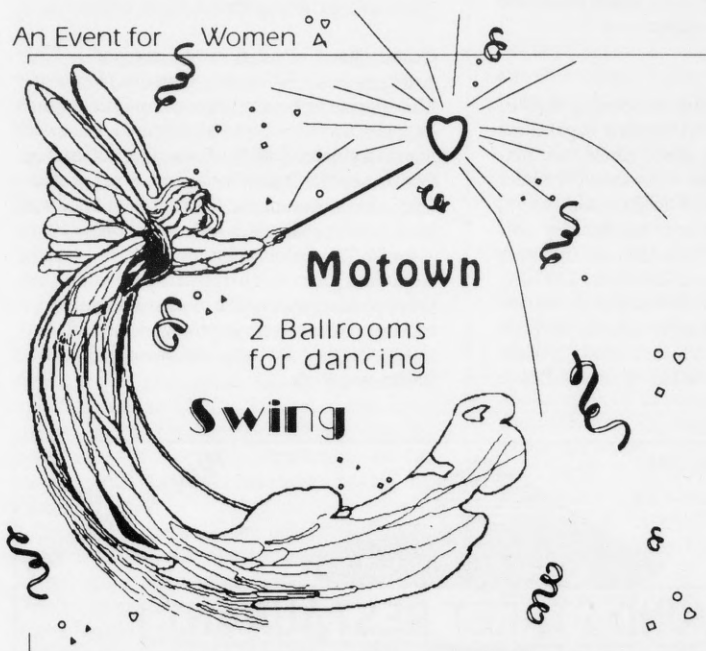

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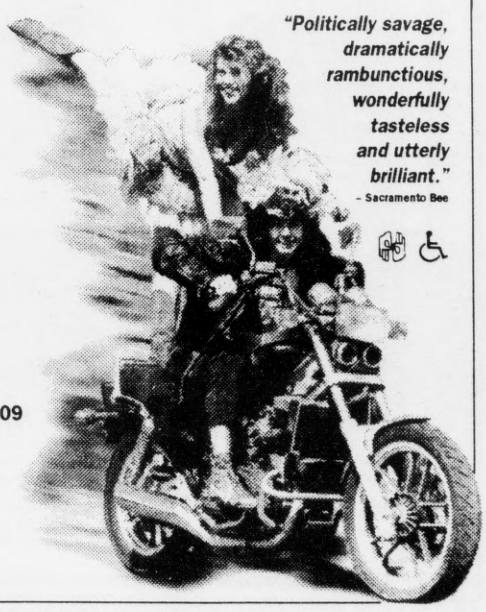

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A Hot Spot In the Heights

I admit it. I used to say "Frisco," a term that bristles the hairs on San Franciscans' necks. Growing up in Los Angeles has its advantages (Disneyland, the Dodgers, warm beaches), but also brings a certain ignorance and disregard for Bay Area life. As a relatively recent transplant, one of the first things I learned to say was "The City," the next utterance being, "Where should we eat?" I wasn't here in 1985, when the Jackson Fillmore Trattoria opened and became a hot spot in Pacific Heights, attracting as eclectic a crowd as the heights ever gets. The trattoria still draws turnaway crowds, and still receives recommendations from regulars in the know. Surely the plethora of reviews done at the time of its opening have long since become outdated; it's time for another look at this ever-popular site.

Owners Jack Krietzman and Constance Johnson, who also own Vinoteca Jackson Fillmore (downtown) and La Fiammetta (Bush & Octavia), have crossed a trendy Italian concept with a frat party and a diner. A long, mirrored bar along one wall with sloppy empty cardboard liquor boxes above also has a long counter for seating. Cozy booths, covered in blue fabric, line the other long wall, and tables draped with blue-checked cloths complete the scene. Loud, fun rock 'n' roll, noticeably bright lighting, and the buzz of chit-chat blend in easily with the crowd.

A thorough, moderately priced wine list features Italian wines of many varieties and interesting California wines as well. Several wines available by the glass, including a delightful pinot grigio, were palatable and well chosen.

Right after we ordered, our server delivered a very welcome batch of *bruschetta* topped with extra virgin olive oil, garlic, basil, Italian parsley and tomato *concasse*. After wolfing these down like starved, crazed dogs, we went to work on the appetizers. **Radicchio al Forno** ($7) brought a plateful of radicchio wedges marinated in sweet-tart balsamic vinegar and wrapped in crisp pancetta slices, for a delightful, contrastive texture and taste. Plump brown mushrooms baked with flecks of anchovies and garlic, the **Funghi Acciugato** ($6.50) oozed flavorful butter, efficiently mopped up with accompanying toasted bread.

One of the best versions I've tasted, the **Fried Mozzarella** ($5.75) paired a slab of chewy, smooth cheese with a rustic, bold marinara sauce —pure decadence. Finally, a **Cold Antipasto** ($7) plate was a thoughtfully arranged bounty of items, including lemon-dressed *ceci* beans (garbanzos), paper-thin prosciutto slices, artichoke hearts, "blackened" griddled eggplant, bits of scallops, shrimp and mussels. We gorged and were wondering how we were going to eat our entrees when they suddenly arrived, too soon. I began to feel wary of that increasing line at the door, that relaxation at this meal was in jeopardy.

I marvelled at the authentic, fresh taste of the **Pesce Spada Fra'Diavolo** (Swordfish in Devil's Sauce, $14), where moist bitefuls of fish napped in a pungent tomato sauce were laid atop fresh linguine. Thankfully, the appetizers had made a dent in my hunger since other entrees proved less successful. **Ravioli Della Casa** ($7.75) consisted of five or six ravioli made of homemade, light pasta dough perfectly cooked and stuffed with ricotta cheese, but unfortunately smothered by that same heavy marinara sauce (which worked well with the fried mozz, but only masked the flavors here) and at least a half-pound of melted mozzarella.

Tortellini Della Casa ($8.25) was equally off; the pasta was definitely undercooked, so I couldn't relish the garlicky mushroom cream sauce as much as I would have liked to. A **Risotto con Salmone e Carciofi** ($10.50) came dry and bland—give me flavorsome risotto oozing with creamy butteriness or don't give me risotto at all. The lack of finesse in the entrees surprised me, given the expertise displayed by the appetizers.

We were back on track with the dessert course, which brought first a takeoff on **Tiramisu**, a better than passable version described by my comrades as "tasting like cold creme brulee, a great dessert, but not tiramisu," since it was lacking espresso and was doused with rum. (*Tiramisu* translates as "pick me up," so by definition includes some form of coffee.) The **Zabaglione Freddo** won raves, combining the traditional egg, sugar & wine custard with crushed amaretto cookies and berries. The **Tartuffo** (truffle) consisted of a ball of dense chocolate ice cream rolled in bits of ordinary-tasting chocolate, uplifted by the treat of finding a marinated cherry in the center. Excellent cappuccinos and espressos, made from Graffeo beans, accompanied our desserts.

In the end, Jackson Fillmore is hard to label. While some of the items were keen and sparkled brilliantly, others faltered badly. Comfortable booths are inviting and provide a great place to watch the action. The trattoria only takes reservations for parties of four or more persons; otherwise take your chances. I'll definitely be going back for further samplings of the small dishes, and for the lively party atmosphere.

The friendly wait staff at Jackson Fillmore Trattoria (l-r): Gretchen Schubeck, Jonathan Farmer and Bo de Rosa. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

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AROUND TOWN

I had driven by the apparent opening night of **Your Fish and Chips** (203 Octavia at Page) about a year ago, when six or seven handsome, tuxedoed men stood shoulder—to—shoulder under the sign for a photo. Well, I finally made it there, and now the question is how has this tiny spot stayed open for so long! I was the only customer at 1 o'clock in the middle of the week. The tiny, four-tabled restaurant waits silently as can be. Rev. Louis Farrakhan literature adorns the walls and fills the display case, which normally is stacked with potato salad and the like. The catfish here was well spiced and crisp, certainly nothing extraordinary, and the chips were soft and pointless. You can't go wrong for $3.75 an order.

Gosh, what a pleasant meal I enjoyed at **Cafe Adriano** (3347 Fillmore at Chestnut) last week. This Marina newcomer, opened by Chef Adriano Paganini and wife Deborah Paganini, combines a vivid ambiance with fresh, exciting Italian food. Groan, another Italian restaurant, you say. Run, I say, for a taste of the Carpaccio of beef with black truffles, parmesan and shaved celery hearts —for $5.75— before prices go up. Run, I say, for a sublime Osso Buco redolent of lemon zest. Other pluses: house-made mozzarella, superb extra virgin olive oil on everything, desserts that are as artful as they are tasty, and an extensive list of Italian wines. ✿

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Christmas With Judy

Matthew Martin, the wildly funny and demonic Hudson sister of *What Ever Happened to B.B. Jane?* is making his claim to solo fame in *Christmas With Judy*, a pastiche of impressions of Judy Garland, Eartha Kitt, Katherine Hepburn, Peggy Lee and Sammy Davis, Jr. Backed by Pascual Gomez on piano, Martin is upstaged by a handsome Christmas tree and a score of Christmas presents (one of which is a very large package from Kate with a copy of her small paperback, *Me*). On a sofa facing the tree are the wigged heads of Martin's guests.

It's a hit-and-miss show, though the audience cheered wildly at his every gesture as though camp had just been designated high art by an act of Congress. Martin greets us in his Judy wig, a rather gaudy, satin jacket over a loose-fitting body stocking, and flats (footgear not designed to show off a pretty leg). Unlike Jim Bailey, who *recreates* Garland, Martin does a loose interpretation with frequent arm and hand maneuvers, nervous sidesteps, and a quavering vibrato that lacks Garland's gutsy emotional depth and her clean belt. As a quick bit of comic impression it might serve its purpose, but since Judy is the evening's hostess, she frequently returns to sing between each of her guests' appearances. Opening with "Winter Wonderland," she later sings "The Man That Got Away" (with neatly placed voice breaks), a nice "Get Happy" and "Paper Moon," a passable "I Can't Give You Anything But Love, Baby," and a couple of encores I could have done without—that rainbow song and that San Francisco song.

As Eartha Kitt, sans jacket in a gold lame turban, Martin did a series of aerobic things with his body on and off the piano while purring chestnuts like "I Want to Be Evil," "Santa Baby" and "Jingle Bell Rock." I've seen Ms. Kitt many times but I've *never* seen her raise her leg above her head.

In the best written, best delivered, and most off-the-wall bit of the evening, a frizzy-wigged Kate Hepburn, in a quiet fireside-chat mood, read "The Night Before Christmas," interrupting herself frequently with asides about Spencer Tracy, her four Academy Awards and her book, *Me*. Bolstered by her awards and her reputation for Yankee independence, she threatened to read her entire book, because "I'll read anything I goddamn want to."

A totally spaced-out Peggy Lee portrayal sang "Fever" without moving her lips, and gave an eerily accurate rendition of "Is That All There Is?" It was an outrageously funny and devastating impression. With Ms. Lee's recent success in the courts, she might sue Mr. Martin next for defamation—if not total destruction—of her character. I wish *she* had been hosting the evening.

As Bette Davis (in a wig that more properly recalled Bankhead) Martin delivered a brief monologue that left no star unstoned. It was bitchy, mean and funny.

But Martin's rendition of Sammy Davis, Jr., who sang and danced in a plain black outfit and a not-very-good-wig, was the weakest impression of the show. Without 40 pounds of gold chains and a whore's ransom of flashy zircons, how were we to know it was Davis? By the songs, I guess: "Candy Man" and "Mr. Kris Kringle" sung to "Mr. Bojangles." Davis danced for us, of course, and that's what Matthew Martin does best. He's a fine tap dancer. One wishes he had cleared the set and gone all out on a major tap number.

Matthew Martin in "Christmas With Judy" at the Magic Theatre. Photo by Donald Jones Photography

Christmas With Judy continues at the Magic Theatre through Dec. 20. Call 292-3218 or stop by TIX (Union Square).

The World Goes 'Round

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The title song opens the show and is sung by Shelley Dickinson, whose magnificent vocal instrument creates a single rich experience out of what might well have been some "throwaway" lyrics. And her rendition of the early Streisand hit, "My Coloring Book" was delicately poignant.

Triple-threat Karen Ziemba (comedienne/singer/dancer) converts some wild aerobics into a sexual fling with John Reuss in "Arthur in the Afternoon," and then continues to dazzle us with her every appearance. Hands down, she is the freshest face and best dancer to come down the musical pike in a decade. Her every movement exudes style, charm and wit to spare.

Joel Blum, another all-around talent, dances and sings with an almost embarrassing lack of show biz grandstanding. He was superb on the rueful and lovely "Sometimes a Day Goes By," and bared a solitary heartbreak in "Mr. Cellophane." His romantic but off-beat pursuit of Ziemba in "Marry Me" was a delight.

Marin Mazzie, the show's blond bombshell with a knockout voice to match, belts out her own brand of heartbreak in "Colored Lights," then romps lustily through "How Lucky Can You Get" with the two men. Mazzie and Dickinson also appear together as two down-and-out women downing a couple of beers while they lament the passing of "Class." They're bawdy sensations.

Handsome John Reuss shakes a few rafters loose on "Kiss of the Spider Woman," obviously the big hit number from the London success now headed for Broadway. He pairs with Ziemba in "All That Jazz," and also sings the touching, "I Don't Remember You" from *The Happy Time*.

"The World Goes 'Round" at the Curran Theatre in SF. Photo by Joan Marcus

The ensemble performs on roller skates, in grocery carts ("Sara Lee"), on banjoes ("Money, Money") and in bell-encrusted costumes. But the most memorable moments may well be three second-act solos—John Reuss on "We Can Make It," Shelley Dickinson on "Maybe This Time," and Marin Mazzie on "Isn't This Better?"—first sung in their individual spotlights and then merged into one soaring blend of lyrical hope.

Musical direction and arrangements were by David Loud; the fine costumes were by Lindsay W. Davis; and Bill Hoffman designed the sculpted dictionary framing the set.

This is the most exhilarating musical revue I've seen in a decade and, in sheer entertainment value, far surpasses most of the book musicals that come our way.

The World Goes 'Round plays Tuesdays through Sundays through Dec. 27 at the Curran Theatre. Tickets at the Curran or Golden Gate Theatre box offices, or call (510) 762-BASS.

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Theater Briefs

NINE

Maury Yeston and Arthur Kopit's musical, *Nine*, based on Fellini's 1963 film, *8½*, is a rarity in community theater for a couple of reasons. Audiences seeking the diversion of an *Oklahoma* or a *La Cage Aux Folles* may not cozy up to the stylized staging of a man's stream-of-consciousness attempt to separate memory from reality. Instead of a boy-girl romance, we have a middle-aged movie director trying to make a comeback while juggling his marital and extramarital affairs.

Not counting director Guido Contini's mother, there's a wife, a current mistress, an ex-mistress, a producer and a chorus of some 17 other women who pass through the revolving door of his feverish mind. And there's the rub! One man, a score of women; not an easy show to cast.

Give California Theatre Arts of Walnut Creek and director Jon Call credit for mounting this unique and challenging musical—though the results are less than an unqualified success. John Minagro, as Guido, is a fine figure possessing a strong voice (with occasionally sloppy enunciation) in three major solos. The women all have the same problem: Guido.

Sandy Lione, as the wife Luisa, is pretty much on stage at all times, but unfortunately lacks a vocal cutting edge to sell her character. Sharon Sprecher, as Carla, the current mistress, gets to flounce about in a next-to-nothing black lace body stocking while singing the show's sexiest number, "A Call From the Vatican." She fills her role quite nicely. Statuesque Betty Schneider is Claudia, Guido's ex-mistress and star of his films. Her duet with Guido, "Unusual Way," is one of the show's best tunes, though too tentatively sung on her part. Claire Yarrington, as Liliane LeFleur, performs what should be the showstopping set piece, "Folies Bergeres," but she too fails to ignite the number with its intended sexy, saucy innuendo.

Pat Christenson's Sarraghina fares better with "Be Italian," but she fails to give it that extra bravura push. The loveliest song in the show, "Nine," a haunting ballad sung to young Guido (Kevin Carey) by his mother (Ardith Berterello), lost much of its impact through weak vocal projection.

Jon Call and Claire Yarrington's all-black costume designs were handsome indeed. Yeston's score of pastiche set pieces was especially impressive under David Lungren's direction. *Nine*, for all its undercurrent of passion run amok, revealed very little of that emotion in a production that soon ran out of energy.

THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS

Andrea Gordon of the Tour De Force Theatre Company has done it again—twice in a row, in fact. Last summer she directed Saroyan's *The Time of Your Life* and staged it in the playwright's original setting, a North Beach bar. This past November she opened her latest entry in the company's classical repertoire, Sean O'Casey's *The Plough and the Stars*. Set in a Dublin tenement and a neighborhood public house, the tragicomedy is currently playing at the Plough and the Stars on Clement Street. This is the last word in environmental theater. Handsomely mounted, skillfully directed and beautifully acted, both plays met with popular and critical success.

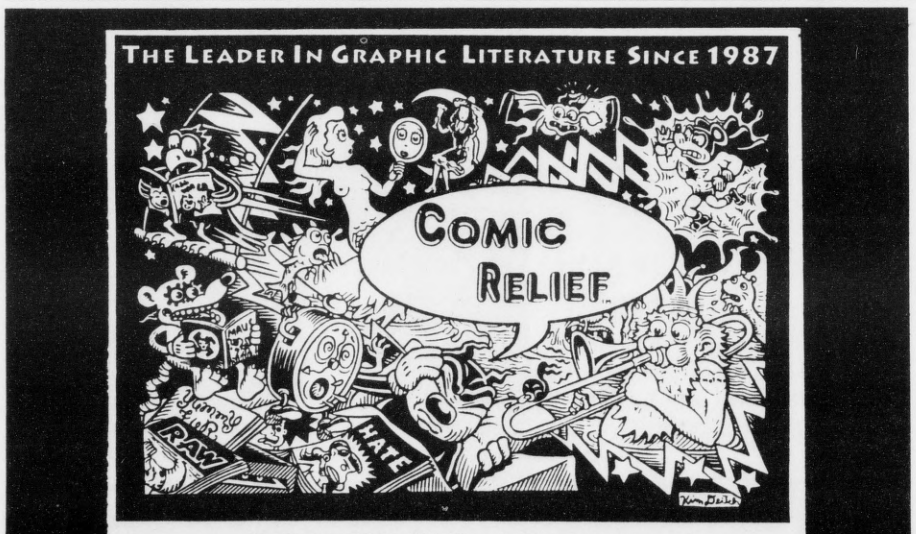
O'Casey's drama of Ireland's 1916 Easter uprising is as current as tonight's news. As a microcosm of ordinary people caught in the crossfire of conflicting ideologies that escalate quickly into full-scale war, the play is a frightening reminder that after three-quarters of a century the same conflict still continues on its no-win course.

Interweaving political blarney with the poetry of common speech, O'Casey's rich dialogue frees the tongue like a pint of ale for actors Ed Ivory as Uncle Peter; Larry Lee Jones as his pompous drinking buddy, Fluther; Allen Covey as the young resident, Red; and Deirdre Herbert as the stereotypical Irish landlady. Lee Ann Manley is the pitiful Nora Clitheroe and Eric Zivot is her husband Jack, part of the ragtag civilian army fighting the British street by street. Marjory Panetti is a fine, blustering Bessie Burgess and Erin McCalla is the neighborhood's good-time friend to all men.

Gary Mullan is the Speaker, the revolutionary firebrand who appears from time to time to incite the men to do or die, and while it is the braggardly menfolk who march proudly (though in some cases shamefully) into the chaos of defeat, it is the women who—perhaps anticipating their own revolution—exhibit the strength to endure.

Ms. Gordon has revealed a special affinity for drama that reflects the continuing quest for some semblance of dignified existence in an increasingly dehumanized society. What can be next on her agenda?

The Plough and the Stars continues at the Plough and the Stars, 116 Clement St., Saturdays at 2:30 and Mondays at 8 pm, through Jan. 11. Call 359-6636.



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Paul Kaell (l) and Bob Elross in "PreGame" at the Climate Theatre thru Dec. 27.

TheatreWorks presents "Into the Woods" at the Lucie Stern Theatre in Palo Alto thru Jan 9. Photo by WPG Enterprises.

INTO THE WOODS

'Tis the season when local theatrical companies trot out their holiday musicals, and TheatreWorks can take special pride in reprising its superb production of Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's *Into the Woods*. As directed by Barbara Valente, this "hot ticket" version is lighter, funnier, even more enchanting than the earlier version that picked up nine Critics' Circle awards.

James Lapine's book, a contagiously witty mix of Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk, Rapunzel and a childless Baker and His Wife, offers the widest possible range of musical opportunities and Sondheim has made them sing. From the Wolf's seductive "Hello, Little Girl" to Red Riding Hood's reflective "I Know Things Now," to the two Princes' campy "Agony" duet to the ensemble's message of hope, "No One Is Alone," it's a brilliant score and this all-star cast makes the most of it.

Act One is all fun and games—fairy-tale folk scurrying about, going to balls, going to visit grandmother, going up the beanstalk, going to live happily ever after. But in Act Two, the mood darkens. It's *get real* time. There's a giant loose in the land seeking redress for the death of her husband and meanwhile trampling castles and peasants. It's time to make choices; time to grow up and take responsibility. The company sums it up in the final ensemble number, "Children Will Listen."

Liana Young is the exasperated, acid-tongued Red Riding Hood; the beguiling Christine McHugh sings beautifully as the Baker's Wife. Mary Workman is Cinderella, who, once enthroned, misses her simple housekeeping duties. Erica Gaut is the Rapunzel of the elegant coloratura trills.

Danny Duncan is most impressive as the nimble narrator; Jack Davis repeats his fine interpretation of the Baker; Ron Pickett is the not-too-bright Jack; and Linda Piccone is Jack's crotchety mother.

Kirk Herring is this season's derring-do, full-of-himself Prince (his best role to date) and he also doubles as the sexy, lascivious wolf. His princely brother, suitor to Rapunzel, is sung by Jeffrey A. Alons. Keith Bentley is the Mysterious Man. Simone B. Cox acts the Witch with great flair and bravado, but lacks the vocal projection to do full justice to her big solo, "Last Midnight."

Lita B. Libaek's musical direction is flawless.

Into the Woods continues through Jan. 9, Tuesdays through Sundays, at TheatreWorks, 1305 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. Call (415) 329-2623.

Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly

PREGAME

At first I thought I was going to hate *PreGame* at Climate Theatre. Good ole white boys slosh down beers, wallow in junk food, oink out cuss words, posture like macho slobs and worship an inflated pig skin (aka a football). But through these "specimens," playwright David Curran promptly clarifies a more humane point of view, making *PreGame* an incisive indictment of fixated morons with virtually no values, as well as epitomizing a hellaciously dysfunctional basic family unit. And along the way Curran also depicts some pretty wicked manipulations.

"Tailgate party at the 'Stick." Translation: bunch of guys show up early at Candlestick Park preceding a sporting event, boasting an oversized cooler stuffed full of beer, a barbecue, ghetto blaster and television (to watch pre-game festivities going on *inside* the 'Stick). These guys proceed to consume massive quantities of garbage and drink themselves half blind, cussing and swaggering the whole time. Actually this can be lots of fun... if you like that kind of thing.

But *PreGame*'s party soon swerves from these (un)usual bizarre male bonding rituals and rushes headlong into parts unknown. Big guy Paul (Ron Kaell) suspects he's losing his lifelong friendship with bespectacled Bill (Charles Queary). Being a heterosexual macho male of the '90s, he clumsily reaches out with anger and accusations, and the rift between the two widens. Paul's dad Ed (Robert Elross) soon staggers in sporting a hat built for two—two beers that is, with straws conveniently connecting cans to mouth. This old codger seems harmless enough, but surprisingly he masterfully manipulates those around him. Alliances shift and shift again. Near the play's end is a wonderful short scene with a misanthropic slob of a parking lot attendant (John Robb) who puts all previously seen vices to shame.

An all-star team of actors makes for a tight ensemble. They, even more than usual, bear the weight of making or breaking the night's entertainment. Light on plot, *PreGame* delves into the fascinating, limitless possibilities of character interaction. The actors more than rise to the occasion.

PreGame won't always be comfortable to sit through. These good ole boys say some pretty offensive things. As insults, they call each other "girls" or "little old ladies." It's pretty pathetic that imprecations involving female gender should be considered insulting. And extreme objectification of women is seen in references to "buying" a girl from Thailand. For just $1,000 you can own her and she'll do anything, the boys seem to believe. Gross, huh? Through *PreGame*, Curran aptly reminds us that we've got quite a bit of growing up and/or evolving to do.

Superb ensemble combined with astute writing and Lee Sankowich's strong direction scores big and makes for a fun night at the theatre. A winner.

PreGame plays at Climate Theatre until Dec. 27. (415) 626-9196.

RIBS

Actors have sure got it rough. At Climate Theatre, *Ribs* by Colm Wood leaves no doubt that professional acting can be a pretty disgusting

career choice and a downright unhealthy lifestyle. The comic possibilities would seem infinite in attacking this fraught subject, especially in the hands of a talented writer who also acts professionally, but this short play (55 minutes) quickly becomes a little too repetitive and a little too unbelievable.

Playwright Wood has taken various elements from the Faust legend to tell the tale of a beautiful young woman who desperately wants to be a successful actress. She's prepared to do just about anything, but she knows nothing about show *business*. Her foil, the Agent, knows nothing about art. The agent appropriately enough is revealed to be the devil's emissary (and the bizarre onstage computer is oddly identified as the devil who "lives off souls").

The power play begins immediately as the slimeball agent innocently suggests the young woman make some physical changes in order to be more suitable. She should consider having some ribs removed. Hence the title.

Wood is clearly an intelligent writer able to juggle a multitude of metaphors on a variety of levels. His issues are important to us all, from identity versus ambition to good versus evil. And yet, *Ribs* still manages to miss the mark.

The constant reversals of power occur too conveniently. Almost rhythmically. Early in the play, Meshel pins Wood to the ground. Blame it on weak direction or insufficient set-up, but it feels false. The actors are too careful around each other. Verging on slapstick, they keep pulling back. Not quite farce, but too broad to qualify as "comedy," *Ribs* becomes a play in search of a genre.

Curiously no director is credited in the program. Thalia DeWolf is Directorial Consultant, but what exactly is that? Not quite a director? A powerful vision of the material at hand, resulting in some judicious editing, could make *Ribs* a wickedly funny, insightful and wonderful theatrical triumph.

Ribs runs at Climate Theatre until Dec. 19 at 10 pm. (415) 626-9196.

Jose Sarria and Tommi Rose are "Together Again for the First Time" at the Blue Muse.

Hysterical SF Landmark: Jose Sarria

by Tom Kelly

"The old girl hasn't lost it yet!" So quips Jose Sarria, a bit of San Francisco's past, present and future. The immediate future? A cabaret-style show with Tommi Rose called "Together Again for the Very First Time" opening at the Blue Muse, with champagne flowing, on New Year's Eve and playing through January.

When asked how many songs he will perform, Sarria thinks for an instant and states, "Too many. We'll do some Cole Porter. Some very oldies from the Fanny Brice period. I'll be dressed in costume. Tuxes in the first part." Sarria and Rose will sing several numbers together, including "Bosom Buddies" from *Mame*. Songs from *The Will Rogers Follies* will also be featured.

For those unaware of Sarria's performing modus operandi, he offers, "My style is quite unique. I'm into ad lib. I have a good voice. And if I don't know the words, I do it in French."

In the 1950s in San Francisco Sarria performed regularly at The Black Cat bar, formerly on Montgomery Street, starring in comic versions of *Carmen*, *Rigoletto*, *Tosca* and *La Boheme*. He dubbed himself Empress I, the Widow of Emperor Joshua Norton (the demented San Francisco character from the 1800s), beginning what has since spread worldwide: the Court System, a charity fundraising body of elected Emperors and Empresses.

"I formed a center," Sarria explains, "A nonprofit gay organization, the League for Civil Education [about 1959], and later the Society for Individual Rights [about 1964] on 6th Street between Mission and Market. It lasted about 17 years."

Sarria never allowed politics to stray too far from entertainment. "We did a lot of shows. That was the fabulous era of gay entertainment. I was singing Fanny Brice's numbers before Barbra Streisand came onto the scene. And I did opera. All the operas that there were. I sang all the parts whether I knew the words or not! And operettas like *The Merry Widow* and *Porgy 'N Bess*. We had dances. A true center." He sadly concludes, "We don't have that now."

Sharing the new show's spotlight is, in Sarria's words, "the fabulous blues singer, Tommi Rose" who has performed internationally, including emceeing at Finocchio's Nightclub and "La Cage aux Folles" in Los Angeles, Las Vegas and San Francisco.

Sarria suddenly sings, "Five foot two, eyes of blue." Having met him several years ago, I ask if this is his self-description. He immediately modifies the lyrics to "five foot three, eyes of brown," adding, "balding and a little heavy now. A nice-looking, mature woman. I've never tried to be what I'm not. I look 40ish."

Come to the Blue Muse and see for yourself. And hear for yourself the harmony, the humor and possibly some hysterical histrionics from Jose Sarria, a bit of San Francisco history.

Together Again for the Very First Time at the Blue Muse, 409 Gough St. (at Hayes). Opens New Year's Eve at 9 & 11 pm (ticket price includes champagne), and plays Jan. 10, 24 and 31. Call (415) 626-7505. ✿

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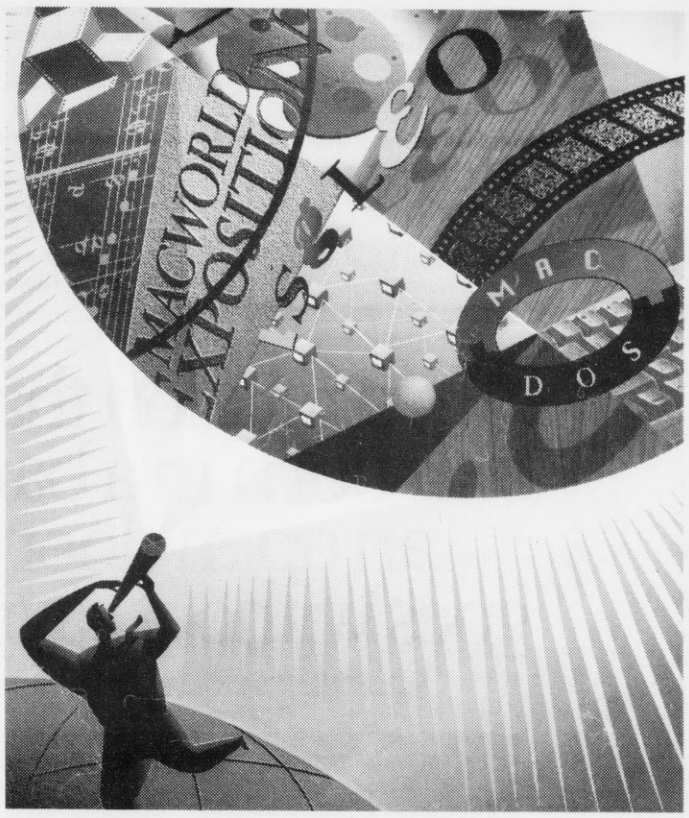

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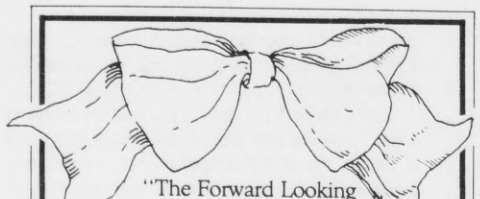

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A New Sharon McNight Christens Cyril's

Steve Silver's glittery new nightclub, Cyril's, an Italianate palazzo with a nostalgic nod to the palm-fringed Copacabana, has at long last made its debut. Launching the club on its chic maiden voyage was none other than our own "home for the holidays" Sharon McNight. Not the *old* Sharon McNight; the *new* Sharon McNight.

She's not only shed a few pounds, she's forsaken that snow-drifted Sophie Tucker coiffure for a shortish auburn cut that knocks off a good 15 years. She looks terrific.

It was a something-old, something-new song set—a little less raunch, a touch more slick sophistication. Backed by the doo-wop trio of Noel Ampel, Kevin Molica and David Lincoln Brooks, the satin-sheathed diva opened her holiday show with Mame's theme song, "We Need a Little Christmas," then sidled into a "something for everyone" version of Mel Torme's "Have Yourself a Merry Little... Kreplach" (new lyrics by director Kenny Mazlow). *Oy vey, Maria!*

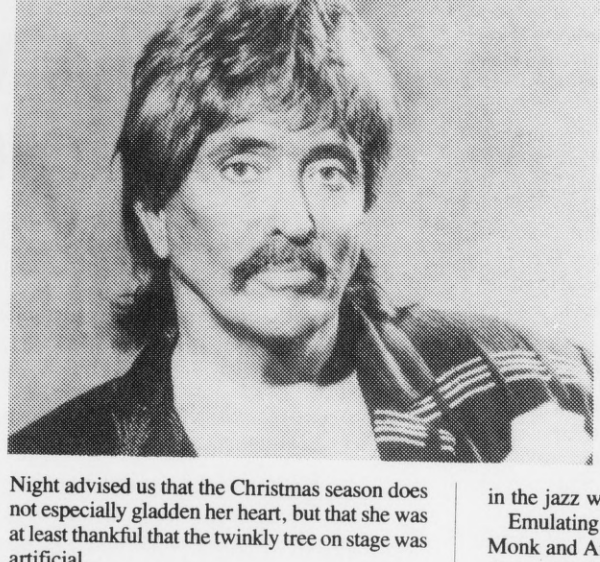
An avowed Druid and tree worshipper, McNight advised us that the Christmas season does not especially gladden her heart, but that she was at least thankful that the twinkly tree on stage was artificial.

A delightful baby-talked version of "Broadway Baby" preceded a fine country medley of two songs rescued from obscurity, Tennessee Ernie Ford's "Rootin' Tootin' Santa Claus" and Tex Ritter's "Christmas Carols by the Old Corral." McNight may singlehandedly save the yodel from extinction. Craig Carnelia's poignant "Snow Song" was a child's sweet prayer for snow. The "German Song," long a favorite of this singer's fans, was again warbled off-key to wild applause.

Accompanist Glen Kelly's stride piano on "The Man I Love" beautifully framed McNight's powerful but emotionally vulnerable rendition of this classic. "Oz," the tour-de-force staple of this singer's songbook, brought down the house. No surprise there. A Christmas medley (with an Elvis impersonation) and Michael Reno's satiric waltz, "Bye, Bye, San Francisco," closed the set. For her final encore, McNight led the audience—by way of her "lovely hula hands"—through "White Christmas."

The look may be new, but it's vintage McNight. Shows at 9:30 pm, Wednesdays through Sundays through Dec. 31, at Cyril's, 678 Green St. Call (415) 421-4222.

Come to the New Years' Eve gala with Sharon McKnight at Cyril's on Dec. 31. Photo by Russ Fiscella



Mark Murphy and his soulful jazz at the newly reopened Kimball's West.

McCoy Tyner at Keystone Korner Yoshi's

Reviewed by Scott Cady

This past week, the newly renamed Keystone Korner Yoshi's in Oakland was graced with the presence of one of the masters, McCoy Tyner, and a world-class quintet featuring Billy Harper on tenor saxophone, Sonny Fortune on alto sax, Eddie Henderson on trumpet, Avery Sharpe on bass and Aaron Scott on drums. Not only was Tyner in top pianistic form, his group was with him every step of the way, completely submerged in the genius that has earned Tyner his place as one of the great pianists in the jazz world.

Emulating the pianists Bud Powell, Thelonius Monk and Art Tatum, Tyner set out to conquer the world of jazz and started performing professionally by the age of 15. He took a job with Benny Golson and trumpeter Art Farmer and his career took off. His most important association was as pianist with John Coltrane, Elvin Jones and Jimmy Garrison in the highly innovative quartet of the '60s. After six years in this "university," as he calls it, Tyner set out to become a leader in his own capacity. Using the complexities of Coltrane's music as inspiration, Tyner has always remained loyal to this classic quartet sound, and just as loyal to the acoustic piano. Even the sound that his larger groups (sextets, big bands) put out still imitates the quartet configuration to which he is so dedicated. Tyner, however, is certainly not "stuck" in his old ways. Instead he remains as innovative as ever and has allowed time for his musical spices to marinate. The result is an intricate approach to a passion that he has created.

McCoy Tyner is equally gifted as soloist or accompanist, yet his accompanying figures could very well work as solo passages. His ability to change the colors of the music is uncanny. His solos and accompaniment always work as a sort of jazz theme and variations. He establishes an idea and then spends the remainder of the section turning the idea around in every way possible, alternating between harmonically intense clusters, melodic improvisational lines and his trademark percussively raw sound. He takes his time and allows himself and all the other soloists plenty of opportunity to express what needs to be expressed.

The set began with his own composition, "Passion Dance." Sonny Fortune's "Awakening," an up-tempo Latin groove, followed with Fortune on flute. Monk's "Round Midnight" featured Eddie Henderson on muted trumpet with a beautifully played duet between bass and trumpet. Avery Sharpe's "January in Brazil" was the highlight of the set, which was then closed out by the "B-Flat Blues." Each tune was a remarkable exercise, creating one of the most exciting sets I've heard in quite a while.

The club offers excellent Japanese cuisine and world-class jazz figures nightly. The Diane Schuur Trio plays through Dec. 20. Keystone Korner Yoshi's, 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland. Call (510) 652-9200.

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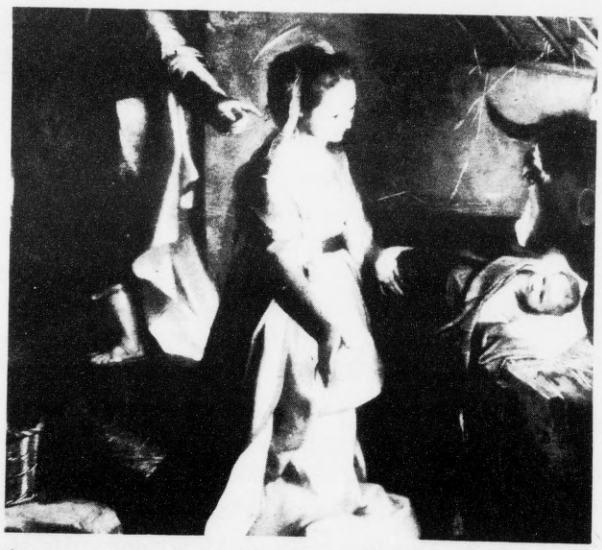

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Mark Murphy at Kimball's West

Reviewed by Scott Cady

Mark Murphy has carved out a soulfully swinging niche in the world of vocal jazz and, indeed, in music as a whole. He is quite possibly the greatest living male jazz singer and has set an enduring standard that has spanned an amazingly prolific career. We can boast of his being one of us, a San Franciscan, yet his busy schedule allows us few opportunities to enjoy him live. Following a recent teaching stint overseas, Murphy's recent gig at the newly reopened Kimball's, on the corner of Grove and Franklin, only whet our appetite for more.

Murphy is unquestionably unique. He has created a style charged with energy, yet relaxed and incomprehensibly emotional. Music seems to fall out of his mouth and baits us into believing that it is all second nature. While this may be the case, Murphy is constantly thinking, creating new twists on stories that have been told over and over again. The ultimate communicator, he completely accepts the concepts of tension and release, of fierce contrast within every song's narration, resulting in gently soothing denouements that put the final touches on his musical stories. We often forget that singing is a heightened expression of speech, but Murphy sets us straight.

Accompanied by the very fine Larry Dunlap on piano, Scott Steed on bass, and the incomparable Vince Lateano on drums, Mark began his second set of the evening with a Murphyesque introduction: "(Drum roll)... Ladies and gentleman, Kimball's is proud to present... ME!" He quickly launched into some up-tempo blues, allowing his trio ample opportunity to stretch out during their solos. A beautiful duet with the bassist on "Angel Eyes" fell into Tadd Dameron's bebop classic, "If You Could See Me Now." His new favorite old song, "Angel Mine," by Richard Whiting, was the intensely swinging highlight of the set. A medley of lush ballads—"The Night We Called It a Day," "There's No You," and the late pioneer Miles Davis' "Boplicity"—were taken from Murphy's two recordings in tribute to Jack Kerouac. These albums are a staple in every serious jazz lover's collection.

The most refreshing twist came during Stephen Sondheim's "Losing My Mind," a song traditionally sung by women, and its coupling with "Crazy She Calls Me." What a pair! Murphy closed the set with three Brazilian tunes: Elis Regina's "Satan's Bolero," Ivan Lins' "Windmill of Life," and a contemplative duet with piano titled, "The Old Piano." His love and respect for Brazilian music is most evident, and it's always pleasant to hear English interpretations that do the original Portuguese lyrics justice.

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Deep in the Crotch of My Latino Psyche

Reviewed by Randy Turoff

Completing its run at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint is the whimsically titled three-person show, *Deep in the Crotch of My Latino Psyche*. The performance artists Albert Antonio Araiza, Monica Palacios and Luis Alfaro open their lives to us in this collaborative production which is simultaneously provocative, funny, warm and sad. Dedicating the show to their parents for "going all the way," the three artists tell us what it's like to be Latino homos, or, in their tongue-in-cheek description: Chicano, queer, cross-gender, multidisciplinary, consumerist, people of color artists.

The show starts in the dark. "Go perform in front of the BART station" blares a testy voice-over narrator who is denying them an audition. The lights go up and the three performers come on stage, applying lipstick, mugging and striking queer poses.

Albert starts the ball rolling by describing his first Anglo date at El Torito, where he orders a grilled cheese special on rye. Luis appears in queeny Frida Kahlo drag and describes how last year he was the art priestess at the museum festival, but this year they gave him the broom and it's back to the usual Latina social role. It's strictly "Sweep, Consuela, sweep." Monica speaks about her comedy stint as an out lesbian in front of a straight Latino college crowd. She says she was the last comedian after a two-hour fagbash-a-thon of homophobic jokes. She relates how the easy fun stopped for everybody when she got into her routine.

This theme runs throughout *Psyche*: the life of queer outsiders shunned by their traditional Latino culture and feeling themselves to be different and unequal in relation to their privileged white cohorts. What makes this show unique and entertaining is the irony and campiness born of this newly forged in-your-face sensibility. It's Latino queer comedy, California-style.

Deep in the Crotch of My Latino Psyche is structured around the well-delivered solo performance pieces and monologues of Al, Monica and Luis. When they join together as a triad, the show takes on yet another dimension. Aside from their particular solos, perhaps the most moving part of the show is an ensemble section in which they are interviewed or interrogated, each sitting side-by-side on wooden chairs in the semi- darkness. As an audience we learn a great deal about the performers as they raise their hands in response to some very direct and personal sociological questions. Questions are answered categorically about HIV status, doing time, belief in God, sexual history and other heavy issues, alongside comic throwaways like whether they prefer flour to corn tortillas. As game-show contestants in a later skit, they pick categories and launch into comic routines around "most embarrassing relatives," "stereotypes," "the Castro," etc. It's all a lot of fun mixed in with pathos and politics.

It's a sexy show in the finest gay tradition, with passionate coming-out stories, outrageous views of gender relations, and heavy satirizing of mainstream and traditional family values. It speaks to the joy and pain of lusting after forbidden pleasures, and it explores the dynamics involved in creating unconventional sexual identities. It's also about the struggle to find love and personal strength in a racist, homophobic and dishonest world. Each performer speaks about confronting the violence s/he experienced while growing up.

Al Araiza's story of growing up in the Los Angeles basin with his intimate knowledge of billy clubs, guns, fists and drug overdoses, is an angry and painful tale mitigated by his very grounded spiritual presence. Monica Palacios' story of discovering her lesbianism after being subjected to years of unappealing heterosexual male invasion and "sperm on tap" is deeply revealing and turns into a deliciously sweet paean to lesbian sexuality. As she says, she was just a regular little girl who "like many of you, just wanted to bake a cake with a light bulb." If only, she intones, the angel had told her that she was a lesbian, she would have been spared those clueless years of suppressed emotions. Another skit about her and her lover ("the Mrs.") going into a sex shop was supremely funny. Louis Alfaro's main story of his "heroes and saints" and the 2,000 boys at the Circus Disco, most of whom are now dead, is a moving elegy to the ebullience of coming out before the party ended. Through much of his performance, a sense of irony permeates his lines. He admonishes a 300 pound queen who's cor-

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(l-r): Albert Antonio Araiza, Monica Palacios and Luis Alfredo. Photo by Becky Villasenor

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nered him on the patio to rattle off the details of her life story: "One day I will become something and use this in an act."

Deep in the Crotch of My Latino Psyche, a *pachanga* of collaborative and solo work, premiered last July as part of the Ecce Lesbo/Ecce Homo Festival at Highways in Santa Monica. The three performers first met a couple of years ago while sharing the bill at the National Gay and Lesbian Performance Festival in Santa Ana. Each was impressed with the others' work.

Monica Palacios is a Bay Area native who started as a popular stand-up comic at the former Valencia Rose in San Francisco. Since then she's been writing and publishing stories in various anthologies and magazines, as well as touring with her acclaimed one-woman show, *Latin Lezbo Comic*. Albert Antonio Araiza is a self-proclaimed performance anarchist who gained notoriety with his highly successful production *Meat My Beat*, which toured the West Coast and Europe. He is former Project Director of Teatro VIVA!-AIDS Outreach Project and he's currently an artistic director at the Alice B. Theatre in Seattle. Luis Alfaro is a performance artist and writer whose play *Bitter Homes and Gardens*, opened this year at the Mark Taper Forum in L.A. He's a homeboy, well-known in the L.A. theater circuit.

Together these three performers enlighten, educate, and tickle our funnybones while the material of which they speak settles into our collective consciousness. ✿

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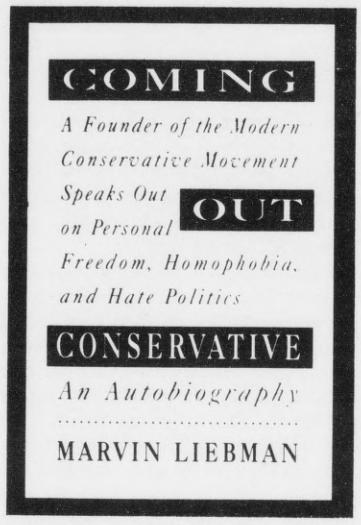

Reviewed by Jack Fertig

OK, this review is late in coming out, but so was the author. One may lament that Marvin Liebman didn't come out sooner, but the truth is that the book itself is worth waiting for. As much as one may disagree with the man, only the most dogmatic leftist (or rigid homophobe) would deny that Liebman has had a very interesting life and that—at a particular level—he relates his story very well. Indeed, many progressives could learn a great deal from reading Liebman's proven strategies in political organization.

The tone of the book is anecdotal, which is really a mixed blessing. On the one hand, it's light, breezy, highly legible. On the other hand, Liebman has been through a series of conversion experiences—from Marxist to anti-Communist, from Jew to Catholic. Whatever soul-searching must have accompanied those changes is very lightly glossed over. One may even come to the conclusion that Liebman has little depth to his soul.

It's hard for this reviewer, a post-Stonewall radical faggot, to understand the levels of denial that may well have been necessary for a man of Liebman's time and background to create simply to survive. Or perhaps he deliberately chose an engaging narrative of events and personalities rather than describe some very real soul-searching. Thomas Merton or Augustine we shouldn't expect, but it would be interesting to see more of the spiritual questing that leads a Jew—a dedicated Zionist activist, no less—to embrace Catholicism. One could easily presume that he was simply, if not really consciously, emulating his beloved friends, the Buckley family. More than the choices he made, the way he made them seems remarkably uncritical.

Starting a short-lived career in London as a theatrical producer, Liebman sent a fundraising letter to American conservatives declaring that he was going to produce plays that presented a conservative viewpoint to counter the leftism of contemporary theater. (This was in the late '60s.) He then went on to produce apolitical fripperies. Here he admits that this fundraising letter was hypocritical, but says, "This was the only really hypocritical letter I ever sent out in my career." By this time the reader may have noticed that Liebman's earlier years were marked by pulling on one set of purse strings to serve another cause. Finagling between communists and Zionists (or later anti-communists and Zionists) he got around between New York and Hollywood until he found steady funding in conservative politics. Years later he rode into the government bureaucracy as an anti-bureaucratic Reaganaut. The singular letter from London may have been the only *deliberately* hypocritical letter he wrote, but hypocrisy abounds. Of course, hypocrisy is part of the human condition; no one is entirely free of that flaw. My point here is not to condemn Liebman, but to point out that this narrative of his life shows little self-examination.

One can easily (much too easily!) take issue with his politics. One can just as easily look for the levels of self-loathing that made his long complicity with homophobes possible. He also worked with anti-Semites with a quiet deference that I found disturbing. I invite anyone entirely free

Marvin Liebman interviews a GI in Vietnam during his 1967 tour.

of internalized homophobia to throw the first stone. Liebman makes an easy target if one wants to take potshots, but he represents a very real, and rather common, type of gay man. He may even be regarded as an archetype within our community. I think we would all do well to read his story, seek to understand Liebman, and support his most recent conversion, or rather, *oversion*.

Much eclipsed by militarists and bigots, there is a creditable conservative ethic that values individual initiatives and individuals' freedoms; personal responsibility and personal privacy. An evolving political culture must always examine the dialectical tension between such personal virtues and the collective responsibilities of public welfare. Liebman has an opportunity to challenge the bigotry of the right and to promote the honorable aspects of conservative ethics. With this book he takes a fair beginning and even offers all of us, through his own apparent contradictions, a challenge to re-examine our own premises, to rethink our political ideals and dedications. The lessons contained in this book and the questions it provokes make it a highly worthwhile read. ✿

Montgomery Clift: beautiful loser

By Barney Hoskyns
Grove Weidenfeld, 1992; $30

Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly

In a cemetery somewhere, a body is performing gyroscopic acrobatics. The body would be the remains of Montgomery Clift. If there be truth to the rumor that it's bad luck to speak ill of the dead, then "author" Barney Hoskyns is doomed. The coffee-table tome, *Montgomery Clift: beautiful loser*, is the best of books and the worst of books. It's suffused with beautiful photographs of the deceased actor, as well as a vitriolic, vapid assemblage of insulting insinuations poorly posing as biography.

How convenient and wise that *Clift* was published after Monty's death. And how pathetic. Lawsuits are neatly avoided, and there's no opportunity for rebuttal. As portrayed so often in the book, Clift is once again defenseless. Do writers of Hoskyns' ilk check the obits for future writing assignments? In the author's own words, "We are all vultures feeding on the continually rotting but never quite deceased body of fame."

For whom was this smear published? Fans of Clift might hasten to buy the book for the fabulous photos of the actor, his family and friends, as well as still shots from films and plays, but will hate the incessant bitchiness of the text. And those who would appreciate the mudslinging wouldn't consider spending $30 (plus tax). Luckily for Hoskyns, unsuspecting consumers tend not to read a book in the store before purchasing it. Such people will doubtlessly constitute his paying audience.

Perhaps Montgomery Clift really was a sexually confused maniac who couldn't act and was mean to everyone around him. But, of course, that description could fit almost any famous star given the proper juxtaposition of anecdotal information. This author so masterfully manipulates facts and hearsay, I'm sure he could easily take a silk purse and make a sow's ear.

The tone of the text is cheap and constantly

Clift with Elizabeth Taylor.

Clift as a preteen in Fort Lauderdale, 1933.

rings of slander, mostly centering around Clift's sex life. Curiously, Hoskyns can't decide whether the star was bisexual, heterosexual or homosexual. Rampant rumors regarding all of the above are presented, including:

> There even seems a faint possibility that Monty was sexually intimate with his mother. When he was appearing in a "try-out" of Andre Birabeau's *Dame Nature* at the Westport Playhouse in 1938, Sunny came up to stay for the weekend. For two nights she shared her eighteen-year-old son's bedroom.

Gee, my parents have visited me plenty of times, and we have *not once* ended up in the sack together. I swear. The attacks on dear old Mom are relentless: "Would one have sensed that for all Sunny's grandiose airs of cosmopolitan sophistication, she was actually a hopelessly inadequate woman with a laughable command of the English language?"

Clift's strong friendship with Elizabeth Taylor is constantly sneered at. For the convenience of sensationalism, the "sad faggot" suddenly turns bi: "Curiously, Monty's 'counselling' of the Wildings [Elizabeth Taylor and hubby Michael] gave rise to rumours of a menage a trois similar to those that had accompanied his relationships with the McCarthys and the Greens."

And sometimes the "misfit, non-macho loser" becomes straight:

> ...[T]he relationship between Monty and Elizabeth Taylor underwent various twists and turns. Some say they were lovers: that they were seen kissing in the back of a limousine, and that they were sexually intimate at least once. One story claims that Liz made playful fun of Monty's love-making and that he never got over it.

And, of course, sometimes the "funny one" who "fights like a girl" turns homosexual. Clift "was frequently seen at a local gay pick-up bar called Bickford's, and was prey to more than one blackmail threat." The "beautiful loser" "...stopped really caring about acting and began to retreat into a despairing chemical oblivion..." He fell into "new depths of debauched self-destruction..." including "bouts of sadomasochistic sex with boys" and "gay cocaine orgies" where "his sexual debauchery resulted in frequent beatings from male prostitutes."

Character onslaughts abound. Why limit yellow journalism to just one man when there are friends and relatives to stomp on and famous names to drop? Clift's father kept a mistress. His nurse was "ogre-like." "Furthermore, Lunt and Fontaine took Monty under their wings in a more than pure professional sense." What's that supposed to mean?! Famous director Elia Kazan was an "angry, obsessive little man." Tallulah Bankhead was a "sexually omnivorous, cocaine-snorting prima donna." Director George Stevens was "rigid and inflexible." Katharine Hepburn is "a tough old bird." John Huston was a "punishing patriarch with his prickly superciliousness." And so on, ad nauseum.

Even the size of Clift's "private part" is not kept private. Hoskyns notes that Kenneth Anger described him as "Princess Tinymeat" and even includes that Clift's coroner called it a "tiny, uncircumcized penis."

For virtually every role Clift portrayed, the acidic author manages to dig up and eagerly present bad reviews. Gee, Hoskyns leaves no turn unstoned. Could Clift *really* have enjoyed decades

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of stage and film acting if his *every* portrayal was so horrible?

Given the undeniably thorough research and lucid writing style, Hoskyns is clearly *capable* of excellent work. Hopefully future projects will exalt in dignity and respect and not wallow in mudslinging.

Wonderful photos! Too bad all those words had to ruin it.

Final Atonement

By Steve Johnson
Onyx: Penguin Bks., 1992; $3.99
Reviewed by Randy Turoff

Final Atonement, a Doug Orlando mystery by Steve Johnson, is a perfect book to take on the plane or to escape from family chatter this holiday season. It's portable, a paperback and a remarkably cheap read for such good material.

The character Doug Orlando is a rugged gay detective with an unshakable vision of justice. He works in the homicide division of the Brooklyn Police Department. Aside from his grisly job and his marked status as an outsider among his coworkers, he lives a regular life in Brooklyn with Stewart, an English professor. Orlando's lover of 12 years, Stewart is a "beautiful man with baby blue eyes and fine, striking features." Stewart was initially attracted to the handsome man in uniform, to his spiffy appearance and his fighter status. "There was something both profound and rawly sexual in sharing the fears and frustrations of the beat, and Stewart had responded with both caring and undisguised arousal. They had played the games that young lovers play, and sometimes his cap or nightstick found its way into the sweaty sheets." But after the big blow-out at the police department with Orlando testifying against a fellow cop, things got nasty and fearful. "Then the fantasy died. The cop stories [were] no longer a sexy game, a fantasy to enhance bedroom antics. Orlando's job had become dead serious."

Orlando is a man with a mission and a private vendetta to fulfill. He's tough and smart and also sensitive. He has a profound empathy toward all the people in his cases, as well as a transcendent understanding of the volatile political issues of the city. This makes him a terrific observer of his milieu and a super sleuth. He's got a special handle on the realities of other people's lives: their dreams, their fears, their lifestyles and politics—not just their murderous impulses. Even in the midst of his own difficulties with Stewart, he's able to step aside and see the situation for its worth: "He was glad he and Stewart had talked the night before, cleared the air. Maybe nothing had been solved, but he felt better. Perhaps some of the stresses on a relationship were never smoothed out, just handled day to day. And that was okay. He knew that next time he needed comfort, he'd reach for Stewart, not a bottle of rum."

The backbone of *Final Atonement* is, of course, the keenly executed plot, cut down to its bare bones with surgical precision. Rabbi Avraham Rabowitz, Hasidic right-wing slumlord, right-to-lifer, and homophobe, is found bizarrely murdered in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Liberal, Italian gay detective Orlando is ordered by his superior, Lt. Reilly, to find the murderer. "Reilly thought the killer might be homosexual, and he loved the idea of putting Orlando on a case that might be detrimental to the gay community."

Orlando's assigned partner is a beefy racist veteran cop named Briggs, against whom Orlando had once testified during a grand jury investigation into the shooting death of a Black youth. Trouble starts immediately when Orlando sees the word "FAGGOT" scratched across the door of his blue Chevy, with Briggs chuckling loudly from across the street.

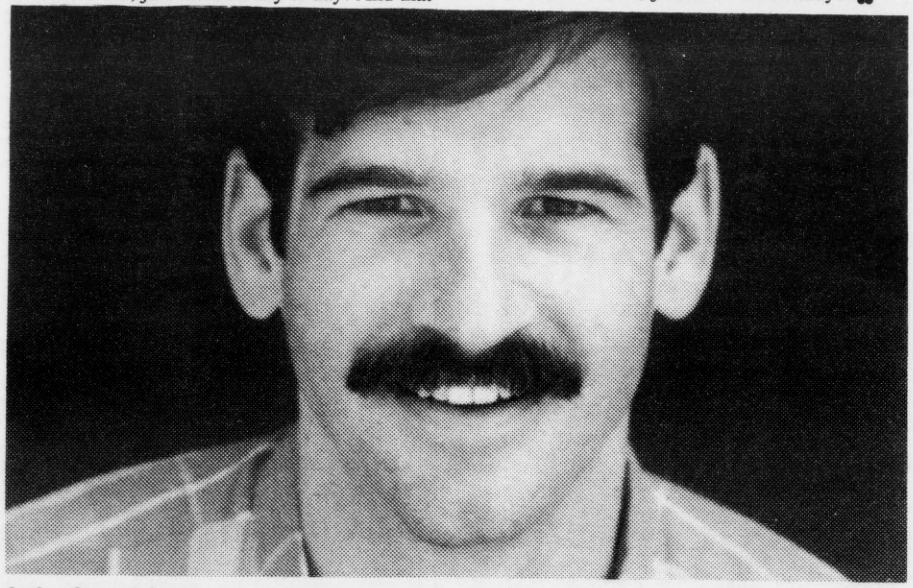
Characters make their appearances as the plot unfolds. The cast includes the likes of Donese Jones, a Black welfare mother who lives in a Rabowitz tenement, with a righteous cause, a pit bull and an axe to grind; Leonard Lynch, a Trump-like mean-spirited entrepreneur intent on owning the city strictly for personal gain, and at any cost; Herb Chiligny, a political columnist and lecherous gay activist operating through the lefty paper, *The Village World*; Jimmy Rodriguez, a teenage hoodlum with a sweet but clueless protective mother; the Reverend Melvin Packard, a vociferous grassroots leader in the Black community who demands revenge for the killings in Bensonhurst and Howard Beach; Menachem Rabowitz, an ultra-traditionalist Hasid and feuding brother of the murder victim; Ronnie Bell, a dyke medical examiner and good friend of the woman injured in the bombing of an abortion clinic; and all of Rabowitz's immediate family and political cronies.

Steve Johnson has created a microcosm of New York City, particularly Brooklyn, in this fast-paced and deftly written book. His descriptions are accurate and to the point, whether he's describing a shooting gallery full of junkies, a tenement, a skyscraper penthouse office, or a dwelling in Hasidic Williamsburg.

Until the very end, the question remains: Who Killed Rabbi Avraham Rabowitz? The ethnic, political and personal rivalries are so intense and interconnected that everyone seems to have a motive. It's up to Detective Doug Orlando to uncover the truth and bring the murderer to justice before the city explodes from the tensions and paranoias of deep-seated and long-standing enmities.

The man behind Doug Orlando is author Steve Johnson. He drew upon his experiences of living in Brooklyn and working for the borough's district attorney. He now lives in Los Angeles and is working on another Doug Orlando mystery.

Steve Johnson will be signing and reading from *Final Atonement* at A Different Light Bookstore on Castro Street, just after the holidays. ✿



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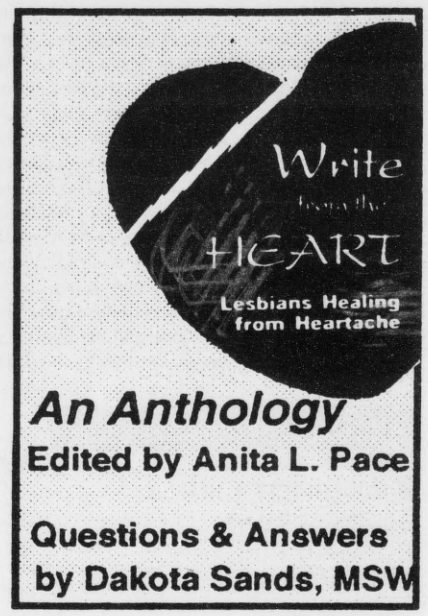


Women are taught by our society to be guided by emotions. But for lesbians, following that emotional path can be both dangerous and painful. It is that treacherous and hurt-filled road that is mapped out in Anita Pace's new book. In *Write From the Heart: Lesbians Healing from Heartache*, Pace explores the ways in which lesbians cope with personal grief, either from the break-up of a relationship or the death of a lover.

The anthology includes essays, vignettes, stories and poems from over 30 women on three continents. Each woman has her own tale to tell in this examination of grieving—including Pace herself. Pace wanted to investigate the area of loss—how lesbians manage to cope with it, how lesbian break-ups are different from those heterosexuals experience. More than a self-help book, *Write From the Heart* is, as its creator designed it, a model for healing the pain of those losses.

"I decided to do this book after I had a terrible break-up with a woman two years ago," says Pace. "I've been in other relationships—some longer [five years] and others shorter [two years] than my relationship with 'Danielle,' but I have never had the sort of pain from a break-up that I had with her. I wanted to get through that pain, but I also wanted to help other women do the same."

The break-up with Danielle was "really awful," says Pace. The two women had been living together in Los Angeles, where Pace is from, and Danielle was taking courses in graphic design.

"My life became helping her out—with school, with work," says Pace. "But then I could feel her pulling away from me when she was getting ready to graduate." Danielle told Pace she was having feelings for an old boyfriend, and the two of them went away together for a weekend. When they returned, Danielle broke up with Pace and the boyfriend told Pace that the two of them had had sex during the weekend away. Pace was devastated.

"She had told me how deeply she felt for *me* and she told me that she wasn't sexual with him," Pace recounts. "She had been lying to me but she wanted me to trust her."

The combined issues of betrayal and loss figure prominently in Pace's book—and were her driving emotions for months after Danielle left her.

"I knew I was in emotional trouble," she says. "I was feeling more and more depressed; I was having panic attacks. I finally began going as an outpatient to a local mental hospital just to have a focus for my days. I was in physical and emotional pain. I was still in love with her and I wasn't getting any better."

Pace developed severe digestive problems as a result of anti-depressant medication she was taking and ended up having surgery. Her pain was so great she didn't think she would survive.

But part of the outpatient treatment was a course in journal writing. Pace had always kept a journal and had written some stories, but through the class she began to focus her writing on healing from the break-up with Danielle and her unresolved feelings of love for her.

"I suddenly got the idea that I should do a book about this," Pace says. "But I was so depressed I didn't think I could do anything."

Riddled with self-doubt and still extremely depressed, Pace embarked on the anthology, putting out requests for manuscripts from around the globe, getting press releases out, getting information on sales and distribution from bookstores. The process of getting the book in motion began to have its own momentum.

"When I got my first story, from a woman in New Zealand, then a letter from a woman in Canada, I realized that I couldn't back out because I couldn't let these women down," she says. "So even though throughout the entire process I didn't think I could do it, I did. I kept thinking about my own obituary—I was almost 40 years old and I was afraid it would simply read, 'Anita Pace lived and died, the end.' There I was, almost 40, and I felt I hadn't done anything with my life."

Pace took action, moving to Oregon—where Danielle had moved—and getting involved in a new relationship. Her father's death left her with enough money to publish, distribute and publicize her book.

"I approached a series of lesbian publishers, but they all had various reasons why they didn't want to do the book. I got the most encouragement from Barbara Grier [co-publisher of Naiad Press]. She actually explained a lot of the distribution process to me, even though she decided not to do the book."

Now Pace's book is on the lists of four major distributors and in bookstores around the country. Pace promoted her work by embarking on a tour of major cities. And she has received many letters and responses to the anthology from women across the country.

"One woman told me the book saved her life. Another said that before this project—she's a contributor—she didn't have anyone she could tell her story to," says Pace. "I know that doing this book saved *my* life. I hope it helps other women as well."

Pace thinks that some break-ups are harder than others—usually because they remain unresolved. She moved to Oregon in part to help resolve her relationship with Danielle, but the other woman refuses to talk to her—even though they live only a few miles from each other.

"I think that lesbians don't get any kind of support when they lose a lover, whether it's through a break-up or a death," she says. "There's no acknowledgement by the usual support networks like family, church or community for a lesbian going through this pain. What I wanted to do with this book was show other women that they weren't alone, that their feelings were real, important and *survivable*. I wanted to show women that they *could* heal from these experiences by giving them these stories of women who *had* survived."

Pace, a certified social worker, is still trying to resolve her feelings for Danielle, even though she is seriously involved with a new partner. "There's some pain that never goes away," she says. "But I've survived something I never thought I could survive and I have moved on with my life. Now I have this book and all the wonderful women I've met through working on it. And I hope to do other books as well. I'm a lot stronger than I was two years ago. Life has really opened up. Slowly, I'm healing myself." ✿

the leather chronicles by St. clair adams

Discrimination

Is the male leather community discriminating against its leather sisters? Several examples have been brought to my attention, and I was quite alarmed to hear them. I have since talked to both sides to try to get a perspective on the problem. It seems that everyone has legitimate points and issues that need to be addressed, but that's no excuse for discrimination by either the men or women.

My objective with this article is to shed some light on the problem. I'm including a survey to find out how widespread this problem really is, and asking readers to send in suggestions for what can be done to help ease tensions.

The following stories were examples I received through my discussions with leather men and women. They are not meant to imply severity, but to provide a starting point for discussion about a problem that must not be tolerated on any level.

Story #1: A very popular woman titleholder was in a bar in the Castro and had a man come up to her and say she didn't belong there because it was a men's bar. He became very rude and verbally abusive, but no one seemed to care or want to get involved. She walked away from the situation, deciding not to fan the flames.

Story #2: A woman was at first refused service at a South of Market bar. She was finally served only after the bar decided it didn't want to risk a discrimination suit.

There are other stories just like these, which tells me there is a problem. The men I have talked with tell me they are afraid that if they open the doors to their bars, the women will come in droves and attempt a takeover. Also, the men were concerned with women being around their cruising grounds, making them uncomfortable, or even being subjected to women doing more than just cruising. The men said they would like it if women had their own leather bar.

So I'd like readers to respond to the survey below. I'll compile the data and report the results. The following questions should be answered with as much detail and directness as possible:

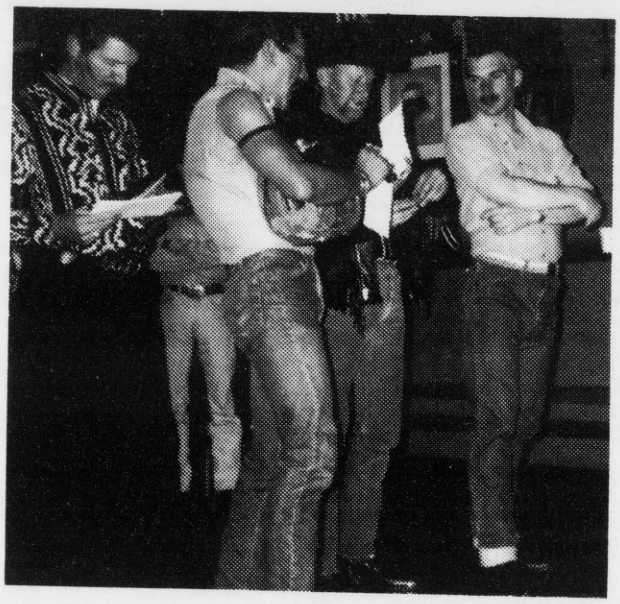
1. Are you male or female?
2. Do you frequent leather bars or would like to?
3. What neighborhood area do you socialize in most?
4. Have you been discriminated against?
5. What makes you uncomfortable with mixed (male-female) groups?
6. Do you feel the discrimination problem in bars is small, medium or large?
7. Would you like to see a women's leather bar?
8. Do you feel that men and women can socialize together without conflict?
9. What would you propose to do to make women comfortable in the existing bars?
10. Why do you think women do not have their own leather bar?

Send your answers to: Survey, P.O. Box #4, Redwood City 94064.

"BROADWAY TO LEATHER TO COUNTRY"

The boys from Creative Talents did a fantastic job Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Rawhide II, helping L.I.L. raise money. Emcees Nova Lie, Mr. Gay SF '90 and Don Wright, Mr. SF Cowboy '92, ran a special event that not only raised money for charity but showed a unity between three of the gay community's interest groups. I'm glad to see this type of event, because we need cohesion once again. Scott and Donna, Mr. & Ms. Gay SF '93, cohosted a night of many performances, including the SF Saddletramps, the Whining Wynetts, and a new group, the Golden Gate City Slickers. Fantasies were done by Grant Dupont, Greg Stevens and Scott Karnuth (Mr. Cheeks & Chaps International '93), with songs by George Carpenter and a special guest appearance by Empress XXIV Pat Montclaire. Don Thompson and Donna Shrout worked at the door, and Joe Shore was the sign language interpreter. A special thanks to Ray Chalker, owner of the Rawhide II, for the generous use of his bar and his donations to the many charities and events he has allowed to use his bar.

The Whining Wynettes performed at the Rawhide II on Dec. 6 for the L.I.L. benefit.



L.I.L. benefit emcees Don Wright (far left) and Nova Lie (center), with Don Thompson and Joe Shore (far right) at the Rawhide II.

EAST BAY EFFORTS

Lil Cooper, Ms. Alameda County Leather—with loving assistance from Donna Shrout, Ms. Northern California Leather—put on quite a show on Friday, Dec. 11, at the Driftwood in Hayward. Lil and Donna's stage performances amazed the eyes. Live singing, drag numbers, and loving, whipping and dramatic fantasies were featured. Together the guests donated several hundred dollars to benefit W.O.R.L.D. Give 'em a big roar, Lil, and let the Bay Area know you're around. Good Job!

THIRD ANNUAL MR. CHUBBY CONTEST

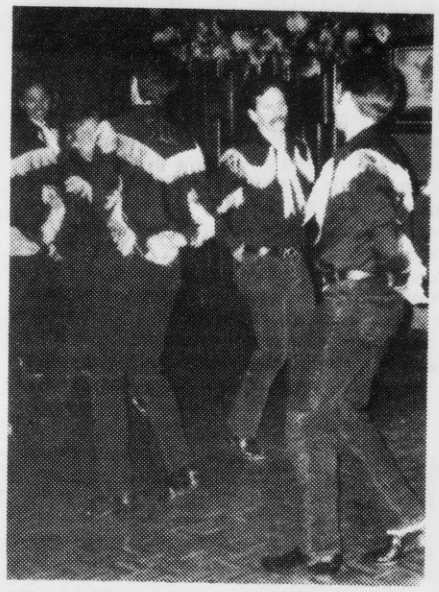
Another two tons of fun contest: The Weather Girls ain't got nothin' on this one. Ray Tilton and Nova Lie raised money for the GSL and had eight contestants compete for the Mr. Chubby '93 title. Joe Bear was victorious and now carries the title, with Daniel Manker second and Chris Arevalo third. Entertainment from Buddy Montgomery and The Band rocked the crowd at the Lone Star, and—if you can believe it—everyone broke into Christmas songs. Alan Selby, Irwin Kane (Leather Daddy X), Linda Parros (GSL Commissioner), Bill Wearver (Mr. Chubby '92), and Larry (Mr. Watering Hole '92) presided over this very heavy-handed contest.

GREAT BUNS OF FIRE

Wednesday, Dec. 2, was this month's slot for the Great Buns Calendar contest at the Watering Hole Saloon. Ray Tilton gave it his usual twist and good humor as he emceed the night away. Philip Turner, Pat Batt and Rich Faust, Mr. Cheeks & Chaps International, picked Travis Collins as Mr. December. Vern, I don't know how you did it! Twelve contests in less than six months deserves a big hand.

ATTENTION LEATHER DYKES

Brat Attack: The Zine for Leatherdykes and Other Bad Girls wants your rants, graphix, interviews, handy tips, cartoons, commentary and unusual poetry or fiction (not necessarily erotic). Do a round table on your burning issue and send them the tape. They publish almost anything by leatherdykes. Send your submissions and your free personal (gals only, please) to Brat Attack, P.O. Box 40754, SF 94140-0754.



The SF Saddletramps do-si-do-ing at the Rawhide benefit.

THINGS TO DO

Look for the Titleholder Leather auction at the Santa Rosa Inn on Jan. 16. Terry Foster, Ms. Russian River Leather, and friends will be selling you leather items right off the titleholders' backs. You may even get to take it off of them yourself. More info to come on this one.

Don't miss a "Hard Candy Christmas" with City Swing and Gail Wilson on Sunday, Dec. 20, from 5-9 pm at the California Club, 1750 Clay St. It's $12 at the door; special guest Vocal Minority will join the show. Get there at 5 pm if you would like to join the complimentary dance class hosted by Cynthia Glinka. City Swing and Gail are always a welcome sight. ✿

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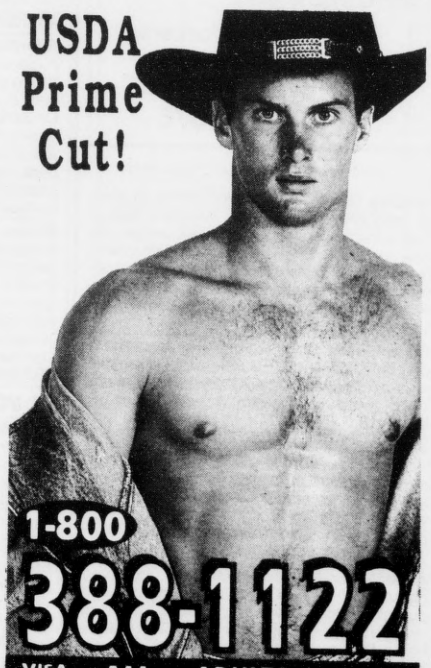

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The driver's license with the "F" on it. The 20 percent cut in pay. The disgusting sexual innuendoes from men on the street. The job that requires me to wear a dress and makeup. (No, I really don't enjoy wearing that stuff *every* day.)

I believe I have to choose these things because I didn't get to choose my feelings or my identity, and I have no say about the gender construct stuff. When I'm not at work, I let my gender be as fluid as I can depending on the social situation I am in. The bottom line is, however, that in order to feel *safe* I need my peer group of women. Sure, I'd love to be welcomed as a sister to women-born-women events, but I acknowledge the differences and have come to respect the separatist need for non-transsexual women's space. All I truly want in return is some understanding and respect. Though many separatists/essentialists cannot see me as a sister, perhaps they could, upon consideration of these words, come to see me as a (female) cousin.

Christine Beatty
Director, San Francisco Gender Information
San Francisco

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for someone else. As a result, there is now a chance that the real obstacles to more effective AIDS research and treatment development can be addressed. But the problems and proposed solutions must be on the table, discussed and analyzed by professionals and the public. Even activists have often failed to realize how many early leads are available; researchers could get the information, but their incentives have pushed them to emphasize drugs already marketed or close to marketing, and they could do little about the systemic misallocation of resources without public awareness and support.

One approach to a solution would be using small teams of experts, with no conflict of interest, to pick perhaps ten to 20 of the most promising potential drugs, contract them out for the FDA-required animal studies, then contract them to medical centers for the first human tests on HIV-positive volunteers. If these tests were successful, a drug could easily get the attention necessary for rapid further development by pharmaceutical companies or by other institutions. (Such an approach has been used very effectively to develop certain key military technologies, by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [DARPA], despite ideological resistance by the Bush administration, which objected to similar government involvement in civilian technology. The Clinton administration is likely to apply such approaches to support long-term U.S. economic competitiveness. Biomedical research would have the two-for-one advantage of developing the economy while saving lives through the same effort.)

POTENTIAL ANTIVIRALS

Probably none of the scores of potential new drugs listed in *Antiviral Research* is ready for use today as an AIDS treatment. But a number of them should be candidates for emergency research and development. Instead, they are largely ignored.

Very few of the AIDS clinical trials running today could possibly produce a major treatment advance. Researchers will sometimes admit that they are testing unlikely drugs or theories, saying that they have no better ones to try. Often they will say that the AIDS virus is very difficult to control, or imply that better treatments must wait for a better understanding of the disease process of AIDS (which may take years).

The list in *Antiviral Research* clearly shows that many important leads are available. But they are almost always overlooked unless some pharmaceutical company makes the big decision to follow up with human testing. Individual researchers cannot carry out or sponsor the animal and other work required to get these drugs ready for the first human test.

It is the responsibility of the federal AIDS program to develop a coordinated response to this bottleneck, which no one person or company can overcome on their own.

AIDS Treatment News, *a twice-monthly newsletter, is available by subscription. For a sample issue, call (800)TREAT-1-2, or send a SASE to ATN, PO Box 411256, SF 94141. To protect your confidentiality, we mail first class without mentioning AIDS on the envelope.* ✿

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■ HELP WANTED

The San Francisco Sheet Metal Local Union 104 Joint Apprenticeship Committee is accepting applications for the **Apprenticeship Training Program** on a continuing year-round basis. Applications may be completed on the first Tuesday of each month (excluding holidays) from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the S.F. Sheet Metal Workers Local Union 104 Training Center, 1939 Market St., San Francisco, CA

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Stress, Coping and AIDS Grief Study seeks participants who are HIV negative and have experienced the death of one or many individuals to AIDS. The study looks at the demands of AIDS grief and the positive and negative strategies used to cope with those demands. Participants are asked to complete a questionnaire and one-time confidential interview. Call: Anne Diedrich at 553-3890 for details.

■ VOLUNTEERS

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Volunteers Needed: Support for women with cancer at Highland Hospital. Multilingual, women of color especially needed. Info: 548-WCRC.

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The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission is looking for volunteers to become involved in the struggle gays, lesbians and HIV+s are facing worldwide. If you have an interest in organizing, working with computers, or communicating with gays, lesbians and HIV+s worldwide, please join us in this growing movement. Your energy and ideas are needed to create positive change around the globe. Please contact Neill at 255-8680 for more info. PWAs, PWARC, HIV+s, foreign nationals, and POC are encouraged to call.

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■ HOUSE TO SHARE

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Lesbian Wanted—room in house near Ocean Beach. Quiet, EZ parking, yard, no smoking, drugs or alcohol. I have dog, cat; artist. Looking for responsible, communicative, easy going. Artist would be great. $395 + . 753-1233, 431-0463.

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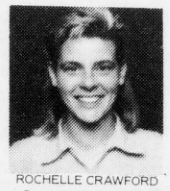
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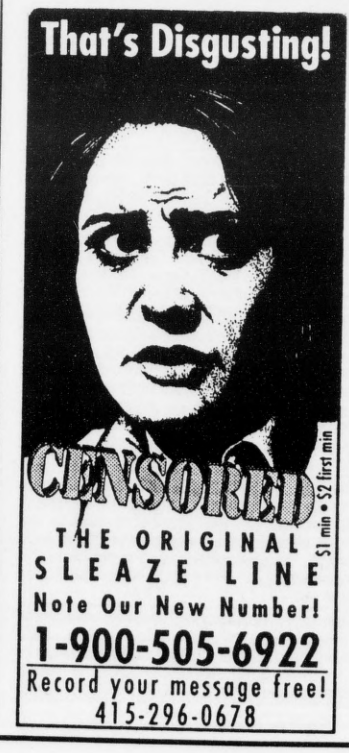

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For dates, sex and friendship. Have shed my scales, have cut my hair. I am cute, 5'10", on the femme side, into writing, biking, dancing, art, occasional light and playful S/M, Thai food and good pizza. I prefer soft butch women, possibly on the athletic side, who share some of the interests above. Please be 25-35, fun, sincere. Please no smokers, heavy drinkers. Call ★★2836.

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Seeking woman who has time to share her life with me, go around the world more than once and retire to the countryside when our golden years approach. Prefer a woman who is ready for a relationship, compassionate, affectionate and has a positive view on life. You should be over 40, non-butch, active, adventurous, interested in outdoor activities (x-country skiing) and cultural events. Call ★★2837.

R U Tired Of All The B.S.
Me too. Let's face it—being single sucks. If you're butch, have a sense of humor and are ready for a serious relationship, let's talk. I'm femme, over 40 and live in the East Bay. I like cuddling on the sofa, watching movies, walking in the park and making love. So if you're still reading, take a chance and call. If you called last time and got cut off, please call again! Reply BT Box DC5B or call ★★2838.

My New Year's Resolution Is...
Clean out my closet, be more adventurous, start something new (mainly w/you). You should be femme to earthy, bottom, under 5'7", funny, laid back and sane. If you're into romance, picnics in the park, cuddling, long lovemaking, love kids and laughing until your stomach aches, drop me a line or spend two dimes. Me: big, attractive, teddy bear, dreadlocks, bedroom eyes and a sweet smile. Reply BT Box DC6B or call ★★2839.

Passion, Transformation And Love
Quiet times, wild times, sharing our hearts and dreams and journeys. I want to know you. I want commitment and growth, intimacy, aliveness, lots of talking and touching, laughter and building a solid base of friendship and trust. I'm attracted to strong women who show their vulnerability, warmth, humor, integrity, risk-taking and a passionate approach to life. Monogamous nonsmokers over 35, all races/ethnic groups. Call ★★2840.

Do Dykes Date?
Let's prove the naysayers wrong. Wanted: cruise buddies (so as not to go to a cafe alone!), flirtations, hot yet casual affairs, serious relationship only if we both come to want it. I'm Latina, petite, long-haired, good-looking, athletic, energetic, great dancer. Seeking beautiful, intelligent, sensual, independent lesbians. If we like each other but sparks don't fly I'll introduce you to the others! Adventurous non-mergers please call ★★2841.

Top Or Bottom?
Looking for femme de la creme with attitude. I'll let you touch my finely muscled physique and make you cum if you're a good girl. I'm European, androgynous, 5'1", 110 lbs. I adore short hair, slim and trim bodies and aggressive/sassy attitudes. Would you like to go to the Ecstasy Lounge dressed in lingerie and heels? Dearest sweetie, I'm waiting. Call ★★2842.

Hot But Earthbound
I enjoy cooking, animals, children (though don't have any), my butch motorcycle, great chemistry both in love & friendship, forward femmes, mud baths, walks, camping, movies/videos, golf, reading, dirty & inventive sex, romance. I value communication, honesty, mutuality, leisure, spirituality, appropriateness, fun, pleasure, gentle souls, listening, vulnerability, a sense of humor and autonomy. Nonsmoker and light or non-drinker a must. No drugs. Et tu? Reply BT Box DC7B or call ★★2843.

Chemistry
How does one explain chemistry? A warm smile, the touch of a hand, an embrace that makes one weak, a kiss that is devastating... this is what I want. How about you? I'm Jewish, attractive; my interests are movies, tennis, golf, hanging out in jeans & T-shirts or going out for a great dinner. Looking for over 30, nonsmoker, attractive woman to share great times. Reply BT Box DC8B or call ★★2844.

You: Friend/Lover/Top
Me: friend/lover/bottom. Large, active, soft butch, looking for someone to share adventures of life with. My likes can range from moonlight walk on the beach to chaining me to your bed and doing what you will to me. Yes, a player you must be. So start that first adventure, let's meet. Reply BT Box DC9B.

I want a bumper sticker that reads: "I brake for middle-aged women." If they're butch, I'll also park the car and invite them for coffee. I'm femme, 46, an anachronism of sorts, a smoker, not bad looking, and a pessimistic optimist about interesting women. Sooner or later she and I will find each other (if we haven't already and just don't know it). Call me, whoever you are. Reply BT Box DC10B or call ★★2845.

Sensual
Secure, happy-go-lucky East Bay femme seeking an average, warm, emotionally stable, oversexed woman, age 30-50, for long walks, long talks. Am 40ish, look 35, love sports, ballet, classical, folk-rock, blues, CW music, cooking, laughing with friends, camping, hiking, reading, theater, movies. I'm 5'6", 123 lbs., physically fit. Love is acceptance; good relationships take two independent people who can bond but don't swallow each other. Reply BT Box DC11B or call ★★2846.

I Eat Read Meat... Still Interested?
Cute, 27-year-old babe, looking for a certifiably single lesbian (i.e., not semi-attached, not rebounding, not pining over recent love lost), for light fun and a partner in crime. I love sports (watching & playing), writing, Nintendo, kids, great food, spending time with family & friends and general schmoozing. You share the above interests, are not in denial about your "intimacy issues," are between 25-35 & a nonsmoker, drinker or drug user. Most importantly you have an excellent sense of humor and are not afraid to take risks. Reply BT Box DC12B or call ★★2847.

Up For The Challenge?
Can you: handle extended periods of intense oral stimulation; tell me what you want and how you want it; open new doors for us to walk through; hold up your end of a conversation, yet be comfortable in the silence when we drift off into our own thoughts; make me laugh; handle a slightly neurotic, overweight, oversexed overachiever? ... Can you? Call ★★2848.

I Love...
Youthful, sexy women, models, athletes, female police officers, travel, airplanes, nice hotel rooms, romance, sex without alcohol, music and dancing, adventure, unpredictability, intelligence. I'd like to meet healthy (physically and emotionally), attractive, beautiful women for friendship or romance (preferably both). Take a chance and call. You won't regret it. I'm 28, fit, attractive, intelligent and funny. I've met some really hot women through these ads. Mmmmm, mmmmm. Reply BT Box DC13B or call ★★2849.

Not Too Young
I'm not curious. I know what I want. I want to go out, stay in, talk, cuddle and kiss. I want one lover who is a friend. I want you to be comfortable with me, and with yourself. So, if you're single (very important), attractive, aggressive and tired of waiting, call or write to me. All lesbian women are encouraged, especially women of color and under 30. Reply BT Box DC14B or call ★★2850.

Friendships Wanted
Wish to meet professional, feminine, financially secure women, age 40-60, who share common interests, to pal around, have fun and form close relationships with. Not looking for a relationship—just want friends. Enjoy trips to Pt. Reyes, Calistoga, Carmel, Tahoe; hiking; aerobic walks; shopping; dining out; cooking and dining in; movies; theater; opera; dance and dancing. Prefer Solano, Napa and Contra Costa counties. Also prefer nonsmokers with no other addictions. If you also need more friends in your life, please call ★★2851.

Back To The Drawing Board
Sophisticated yet earthy, direct, bright, educated GWF seeks special companion for fun, possible affair, possible relationship. You are perhaps a professional or artistic type, attractive, bright, sensual and femme of center. I am androgynous-to-butch. You are not an addict, an extreme 12-stepper or a dogmatic thinker of any ilk. We both highly value honest, open communication. Early 30s—late 40s OK. Call ★★2852.

Wanted: Long-Lasting, Caring Companion
Attractive GWF, young 42, seeks sweet, loving, caring and passionate woman, romance, lots of kissing, hugging, touching and holding hands. Willing to communicate, sensitive to each other's feelings. Long-lasting commitment. I am 5'7", slim and looking for caring, passionate, touching. Love movies, shows, dancing, romantic evenings, etc. Nonsmoker from 30 to 50. Prefer someone 5'6" or taller. Call ★★2853.

Must Be Femme Identified
Sincere, loving, butch top seeks warm, loving femme for friendship leading to monogamous relationship. Please be all femme with no doubts, no this or that of center, no ifs, ands or buts. I enjoy the usual things: art, music, movies, theater, good food, walks, the ocean, the mountains, and long for that one femme to share the ups & downs, the laughter, love & passion with. Call ★★2854.

School Is Out
Psychology/journalism student on winter break seeks loving, kind, gentle woman to have a safe, kissing, touching, etc., experience with. I'm Rubenesque, attractive, funny, passionate and more. I hope you're: kind, uninhibited, passionate and sincere. I'm looking for a hot fling before spring semester starts. I'm clean, nonsmoker, non-drinker, non-druggie, and HIV-. I love to snuggle and kiss, hope you do too. Call ★★2855.

Tired Of The Bar Scene
I want someone who is mature, knows who they are and knows what they want out of life and relationships. I like loving, affectionate, romantic and communicative women with a good sense of humor. Me: tall, slender, short hair, semi-athletic, semi-femme, love music and candlelight dinners. You: cute, cuddly, nonsmoker/drugs and willing to answer this ad. Please enclose a photo and in my response I'll do the same. Reply BT Box DC15B.

Seeking Fun/Companionship & Potential Relationship
Androgynous GWF, young 36 y.o., NS, healthy, attractive, romantic & fun to be with! I have a variety of interests & am always open to new ones. Looking for a special woman to spend quality time with who has a good sense of humor, sensitive to others, caring & able to communicate honestly. Take a chance—call me. No commitment. Friends are always welcome. Reply BT Box DC16B or call ★★2856.

"Dykes" In The Halls Full Of Fun And Folly!
'Tis the season to be jolly! Dear Santa: I've been very good this year and all I want for Christmas is someone to share it with. Here are some guidelines for you and the elves: I'd like her to be 25-35 y.o.; able to have fun without alcohol or drugs; the two "E's" are important—educated and employed; she enjoys the outdoors and the comforts of home; she's attractive, active and healthy; she knows who she is and what she wants and hopefully it's me! And in case you've forgotten: I'm in my late 20s, GWF, average height/weight. I enjoy long walks, good conversation, Italian food is my favorite, but I'll eat anything. I'm finishing up my graduate degree and then onto law school. I'll leave the milk and cookies in the usual spot. P.S., don't forget to throw in something for the pooch! Call ★★2857.

Exploring
I am 36 and I'm looking for a relationship with someone who I can explore my sexuality with. I

Dykes To Watch Out For

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MO HAS MANAGED TO HEAVE HERSELF FAR ENOUGH FROM THE SLOUGH OF DESPOND TO MAKE IT TO HER WORKSHIFT AT THE CO-OP.
OKAY, NAOMI... THE DRIED, UNSULPHURED, ORGANIC BURDOCK CHIPS ARE ALL RESTOCKED.
GREAT. NOW DO THE SULPHURED, COMMERCIAL ONES, THEN THE WHEAT-FREE TAMARI-ROASTED TRANSITIONAL PRUNES.
SPECIAL on CARBO FLAVORED GUILT'S MILK
MO! YOU'VE RESURFACED! I THOUGHT WE'D LOST YOU FOR A WHILE THERE. YOU FEELING BETTER ABOUT THE BREAKUP?
NO. I FEEL LIKE SLASHING HARRIET'S TIRES. Y'KNOW, I THINK SHE MIGHT BE SEEING SOMEONE.
I WANT REFINED SUGAR!
MMM! NOT HERE!
REALLY? ARE YOU TWO TALKING?
UH-UH. SHE NEEDS TO HAVE "A PERIOD OF NO CONTACT." HA! I'LL SHOW HER NO CONTACT!
SO WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU? STILL INVOLVED WITH THAT WOMAN?
UH... YEAH, WHY?
TAKE IT FROM ONE WHO KNOWS, GINGER, AND END IT NOW BEFORE YOU MAKE EACH OTHER MISERABLE.
OOPS! LOOKS LIKE I'M IN THE GRIM ADVICE AISLE... I WAS LOOKING FOR LURID GOSSIP.
HI, CLARICE! DID TONI SEND YOU OUT FOR PICKLES AND ICE CREAM?
I WISH. NO, I'M BUYING ALL THIS HEALTHY SHIT FOR HER NEW. I MEAN, OUR NEW DIET. NO MORE GREASY TAKEOUT BARBECUE TILL THE KID'S WEANED... HEY, HAVE YOU TWO HEARD THE WORD ON NAOMI?
WHAT ABOUT HER?
BOYFRIEND.
NO!
YES! AND AS IF THAT'S NOT BAD ENOUGH, SHE'S STARTING UP A BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP!
OH, COME ON! IS THIS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL? SO SHE'S BISEXUAL! BIG DEAL! AND WHAT'S WRONG WITH STARTING A GROUP?
WELL FOR ONE THING, THEY'RE ALWAYS MAKING US CHANGE THE NAMES OF THINGS TO INCLUDE THEM! IT'S, ... IT'S AWKWARD!
Yoga
Hey! The Local Organizing Committee for the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation, etc. NEEDS YOU NOW! COMMUNITY MEETING
TRANSGENDER AL CONTRA-DANCING
UH-OH. RED ALERT OVER AT THE BULLETIN BOARD. IT'S HARRIET... AND SOMEONE ELSE.

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Limited Time Only
This 30-yr-old rare edition is available now. Tall story filled with adventure, romance and mystery. Enjoyed most by women who are attractive professionals with a great sense of humor. If you enjoy cuddling up at night with a good book, make offer soon. (Ginsu knives not included.) Call ★★2858.

Dance With Me
Beautiful WF, 31, seeks energetic girlfriend(s) to dress up and go out dancing, wining and dining, etc. I like most types of music, except nonstop "club" music gives me a headache. Age, looks, sexual preference unimportant as long as you have no major hangups and are of open mind and heart. I detest labels but if you must, you can call me bi, feminine, 5'2", artsy, brainy and honest. Please no drugs, teetotalers, smokers, games or therapy sessions. And no strings—but anything can happen, so who knows? Friendship always welcome; more if chemistry is right. I live in Sonoma County; can travel to Marin, SF, East Bay or beyond if my interest is piqued. Reply BT Box DC18B.

The Whole Damn Thing
Passion/companionship, adventure/stability, outrageous sex/good home life. 40-year-old lesbian wants it all, eventually, but will settle for intensely romantic friendship/affair to start. Like me, you are: 30+, nonsmoking, arts-oriented, articulate, attractive and healthy, with wild sense of humor and intensely personal sense of style. Looking for a woman with whom I can have a conversation that neither of us wants to end. Call ★★2859.

Passionate Polyfidelity
Is your heart warm & adventurous enough for polyfidelity? Polyfidelity has been described as "The non-monotony and non-monopoly of Sapphic troubadours." My woman lover and I each separately enjoy honest sexualove outside our "marriage." I am a dashing, silver-maned Sagittarian journalist. I curry my she-stallion with friendship, lather her with love. Be immortalized as my Queen of the Slipstream! Reply Booklegger, Box 460654, SF 94146 or call ★★2860.

Champagne
And a little Suzanne Ciani (music by). I'd like a little romance with a lesbian, over 35, intelligent & humorous, with varied interests (just like me!). I'm not going to list everything I like or don't like, otherwise what's the point of going out? However, I will tell you I don't like films with subtitles or bowling and I can occasionally be cynical or acerbic. "But I'm good enough, I'm smart enough, and doggone it people like me!" So call ★★2861.

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"I'm not the woman in red, I'm not the girl next door. If something in the middle's what you're lookin' for, I'm that kinda girl." Looking for your kind of girl if you love to love, talk, hug, dance, hike, laugh and believe lovers should be friends first. I'm a 40ish, tall, slender, feminine, athletic professional hoping you're proud of your feminine and strong sides, and into keeping healthy and sane. 35-45, No. Bay preferred. PO Box 181, Vineburg, CA 95487 or call ★★2862.

Mostly Vanilla, So Far
But interested in sampling a variety of flavors. Help me indulge my tastes for pleasure and adventure (and yours). Let's date, play and enjoy each other's company without getting married on the second date. I'm looking for good conversation and great sex—strings optional. Our chemistry matters more than your physical properties. Bonus points for motorcycle, creative spirit and cat love. Reply BT Box DC19B or call ★★2863.

Butch Daddy
I'm 5'10", blond hair, blue eyes and very strong. I want a hot, sexy, aggressive, femme bottom, 30-40. So, if you have been a good girl or a bad girl, either way come to daddy. No drugs. Light drinker. Call ★★2864.

Tired Of Being Alone...
Have tried the ads before and thought I'd give it another shot. Am 5'2", 110 lbs., 39 yrs. old, short blond hair, considered cute, androgynous. Looking for someone to relax with, have fun, go out to dinner (I like Mexican & Italian food)! Love cuddling, drinking some wine, watching a good movie. Looking to meet that someone special for a relationship. If interested, give me a call! Call ★★2865.

Dysfunctional And Proud
A hopeful neurotic who readily admits her faults and tries to move forward in life's ups and downs. I'm looking for that special someone who wants a relationship, is not afraid of feelings, is willing to work when conflict arises, has a sense of humor, is adventurous and a risk-taker. I'm a 40-something professional, employed, basically happy, cat lover, physically fit, seeking new friends. No substances or smokers, please. PO Box 460591, SF or call ★★2866.

The Worst Of It
Is that I take books to the dinner table and hustle literary theory, have been seen dressed like Laura Petrie gone amiss in Bohemia, can't resist for long making a wry or oblique remark, insist on great food but have been known to eat a stack of Hydrox after macaroni and cheese with sauteed weenie slices, indulge in excessive hygiene, free-associate after sex, read trash or the *NYRB* slowly in the bath, miss people I never knew such as Shaw, Wilde, Stein, Nabakov, Rosselini, Magnani, subdue society by savoring the symphony, eschew pretense, cliches and indifference but above all moonlit walks on the beach, dream of a woman with a sublime mind, steady demeanor and reason. (And once murmured the name Sally to a Mary.) Reply BT Box DC20B or call ★★2867.

The Gifts Of Friends And Lovers...
You can't buy them at Macy's or wrap them in fancy paper, for any amount of money, yet open eyes, minds and hearts will always find them. Energetic, sports-minded GWF, 37, with penchant for puns, the outdoors, cultural & science exhibits, photography, massage, singing and comedy, looking first to meet good friends, whatever more by chemistry and time. I'm 5'8", stocky and athletic, a mischievous soft butch Virgo, ride a motorcycle and even wear a dress on occasion. Do you play golf, swim, softball, tennis or like camping? 28-38, outgoing, independent, athletic women with sense of humor esp. encouraged to reply. Reply BT Box DC21B or call ★★2868.

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BISEXUAL

BiWM Seeks Couple (M/F)
I'm 38 y.o., HIV- and play safe. I've been gay for 10 years and I'm interested in having women in my life again. I'm tired of choosing one gender over another. I want both genders in my life. I'm open to transgender people as well. Call ★★2886.

(Non-Vanilla) Life Begins At 40?
Bisexual man, 40.04, switchable (I think), novice (I know), seeks similar (or disparate) damsel, distress optional, for doing wild things. I'm tall, pseudo-svelte, have a short beard, (gorgeous) long blond hair & (brilliant) blue eyes. Critical thinking, compassionate loquacity, psychological sophistication. Humor, irony are major aphrodisiacs. Light psychobabble okay. If you count Emma Goldman among your heroines (and are taller?) (and like parentheses?) call ★★2887.

Handsome, Fun And A Good Heart
Single, professional, BiWM, 40, 6 ft., 175#, HIV-, enjoys CW dancing, cinema, cooking, horseback riding, outdoor activities, gardening, friends, stimulating conversation. Seeks dynamic, honest and affectionate female (30-45) for friendship and possible long-term relationship. Reply BT DC300B or call ★★2888.

I'm Friendly
Bi-male, 36, HIV-, 140 lbs., 5'6", of Mediterranean background, but not nationalistic, seeks WM or WF for friendship and hopefully more. I enjoy music, Middle Eastern and Latin folk dancing, community events, and the outdoors. Still studying and plan on initiating more positive improvements in the world. All responses will be answered. Call ★★2889.

A Girlfriend And A Boyfriend?!?
Ever felt you really need both? Well, you might have stumbled into just the right place! If you are a bisexual woman now you have the opportunity to explore your heart's true desire in a playful nonthreatening way with an affectionate, creative female/male couple around 30, with interests in hiking, gardening, the arts, etc. Check us out! A balanced triadic relationship may not be the most easily accomplished task, but most worthwhile things in life aren't. Call ★★2890.

I crave emotional intimacy with depth. That which fueled past hedonistic desperation has become wise compassion. Youthful 39, funny, multi-cultured, bi Black man, good-bodied, battle weary social worker/artist seeks bi woman who has retained/regained the sweetness of her heart for romance, kindness, the arts... the world... and, uh, possibly making groceries with. Age? I dunno... 18-43? But no "Princesses" or honesty phobes. This rare ally will make you laugh, moan... or cry with you... stand strong beside you, appreciate your assets, wisely understand your distresses. I'm good, baby. PO Box 8113, Oakland 94662 or call ★★2891.

Attractive Blond Transsexual
Seeks a very active, sensuous, passionate, kissing, single, 35-46 WM; that slim, hairy, stable professional, working, cleancut WM who likes a lot of romantic cocktails for two, holiday parties, outings, travel, movies, possible long-term, ongoing friendship/companion. Call ★★2892.

Desperate To Learn
Whether I'm bi or not. Masculine WM, 23, br/br, tight, clean body, nice back—wants to meet Spartan prince near my age to explore limits. Discreet, safe fantasies only. (I can't be the only man aroused by great nipples and pits.) Not conceited, but told I'm a fox—you are too, especially in your jock. Photo gets response. Thanks. Reply BT Box DC301B.

Had A 3-Way?
I'm collecting stories of people who have had sex with a man & a woman at the same time. Please write to me and tell me about your best, worst, first, last, most fun or furthest-out times with one of each. Anonymous OK. Not for publication. What's it like? Write on! B.T., 109 Minna, Box 423, SF 94105-3728 or call ★★2893.

Sex-Positive Male
30s, bisexual male writer, visual artist, actively involved in sex/S/M subculture seeks lesbian and bi-women for dialogue, friendship, possible gender/dress/role reversal games and other consensual activity. Warm, receptive and passionate seek like-minded, independent others. Call ★★2894.

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Attractive Blond Transsexual
Seeks a very active, sensuous, passionate, kissing, single, 35-46 WM; that slim, hairy, stable, professional, working, clean-cut WM, who likes a lot of romantic cocktails for two, holiday parties, outings, travel, movies, possible long-term, ongoing friendship/companion. Call ★★2908.

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SHARED INTEREST

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The Shared Interest ads are a part of the Personals, and as such are for individuals seeking other individuals with common personal interests. They are not for the purpose of forming professional connections. If you are looking for business partners, clients or work-trade arrangements, or if you are forming a professional organization, please use the Open Exchange classified ads. Thanks.

"And Hath Made Of One Blood All Nations..."
God created a rainbow of people, let us return that rainbow of wholeness back to Him. I am looking for other gay and lesbian Christian Charismatics or Pentecostals who would be interested in forming a bible study, a family and eventually a church. I John 4:7,8; Acts 17:26; I Corinth. 12:1-13. Call ★★2921.

Have Dog, Will Walk?
Looking for dog-walking companion(s) in San Francisco. Prefer Golden Gate Park, Buena Vista Park and Presidio area since I live near Geary and Masonic. Call ★★2922.

Elgo O Naratte Imasu Ka?
I am learning Japanese. Let's get together and teach each other. Call ★★2923.

Sailing Friends
PLWA wants to meet others for mid-week sailing. I have 29' cascade cruising sloop, "Sangoma," berthed at South Beach Marina. Advanced sailors I can learn more skills from, or if interested but feel rusty on your skills—welcome. Not interested in racing. All others, including PLWAs and physically challenged women, men and young people of all ages—welcome. Relaxing, fun, supportive sailing is what I enjoy. Call ★★2924.

Dykes With Dogs
I'd like to meet other East Bay lesbians who have friendly dogs for hikes & dog play. PO Box 778, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★2925.

Tools For Change!
Looking for other lesbians who have read or heard Anthony Robbins and who might want to start a "Personal Power" group. Call ★★2926.

Read, Eat, Schmooze
Have we got a group for you! Jewish lesbian reading group open to new members. Monthly Sabbath potlucks and discussions of works by/about Jewish women. Good talk, good food and, of course, outstanding women. You don't have to go to temple or like chopped liver; just be interested in what it means to be Jewish, female and lesbian. For info on January meeting, call ★★2927.

Prospective Queer Parents
Do you want to be one? We are a community group that meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30 am for a potluck & discussion about lesbians & gay men co-parenting together or known donor situations. If you are looking for a co-parent or just looking for support—come & eat with us. Call ★★2928.

Join De Castro Sisters
A group of 40+ lesbians living in or near the Castro, who enjoy socializing on a monthly basis. Good opportunity to meet new friends, improve your community contacts, have fun with women who have experience in life. Call ★★2929.

Share Favorite Massage Strokes
Let's show each other the most deliciously sensual, deeply relaxing, flowing, subtle and wonderfully pleasurable massage strokes and techniques we know—as well as creative ways to blend various bodywork approaches... and tips, ideas for giving great massages. Let's expand our healthy pleasuring repertoire. I'm a thin, bi, Latino masseur who loves learning and sharing. Have table and partner to demonstrate on. PO Box 1115, Berkeley 94701-1115 or call ★★2930.

Heart And Spirit
A leaderless group for processing feelings, meditations and ritual. To bridge the external and internal transitions in our lives. For women 35 and over who have therapy experience and are comfortable with their own spiritual practice. Meet in SF. Call ★★2931.

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MEN

Muscular Midwestern Boy
Hunky 6 ft GWM, 27, 160#, br/bl, 30 waist, is well-educated, very athletic, HIV+, healthy, versatile and easygoing. I'm originally from northern Minnesota and constantly traveling to the Bay Area, possibly moving west very soon and would like to meet up with similar, versatile guys or couples, 25-40 y.o., for hot, fun, safe, good times. Please send photo and honest letter. Reply BT Box DC70B.

Husky Dad Now Available
Masculine, straight-acting and looking, bearded, nice face, 6', 220#, stocky, HIV-, cuddly, professional, sports-minded outdoorsman with a sense of humor and balance has much to share but can't find the right "care bear" or "care cub" to hibernate with or comb hair with. Help in the search by sending facial photo and phone to PO Box 722, Campbell 95009 or call ★★2941.

Intimacy
GWM seeks friend and lover. I'm 36, bright blue, brown, 6', 185#, NS, ND, HIV-, top with Tom Selleck looks. Creative, educated, successful and involved. Some faves: chamber music, burritos, hiking up Mt. Tallac. You probably are early 30s, in good shape, recovering Cathoholic, independent, educated and confident. I often fall for Mediterranean/Latin and black Irish features. Most of all, you are capable of change and intimacy. Reply BT Box DC71B or call ★★2942.

Looking For "Mister Normal"
GWM, 40, 5'7", 195 lbs. This bearded, small bear not looking for "Mister Perfect." Am looking for normal men not obsessed with working out and in-shape bodies. Looking to spend nights cuddling and having fun sharing normal American pastimes like movies, dinner (at home), TV and snacking (popcorn, etc.). Sharing emotionally, physically and sexually. Please don't be perfect because I'm not! Call ★★2943.

Take A Chance On Me
Hi! I'm looking for friends and poss. relationship. I'm very attractive GAM, 30, 5'8", 140#, straight-acting and down-to-earth. I enjoy outdoors: surfing, skiing, backpacking, etc. Also enjoy gym, dancing, dinner out or quiet evening at home. If you are GWM, 21-28, good-looking, masculine and willing to like me for what I am, I hope you'll call me. But, most importantly, you must be honest and nonsmoker. Let's meet for coffee or... Call ★★2944.

Flex Your Muscles
WM, 5'6", 155 lbs., seeks muscular guy of any size into pumping up, oil, mirrors, posing and being admired. Like defined, baseball biceps, pecs, veins, hot legs, armpits. Especially seek Asian bodybuilder into showing off his physique. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★2945.

Bright Eyes Seeks Asian
Are you a slim, cleanshaven GAM (under 45) who is (as I am) loving, kind, caring, sincere, honest, healthy? If so, this GWM, 6', 180#, 30s, pleasant-looking, hazel eyes, soft brown hair, is seeking you for friendship, companionship, hopefully more. I currently live in Virginia. But please don't let that stop you as I would gladly relocate for the right person. I'm a nice person with a good heart, so why don't we get to know each other? Call ★★2946.

GWM 40+ Seeks Asian 30+
I have friends but what I really need is a significant other in my life. I'm HIV-, 5'9", 140#, brown hair, brown eyes. My interests include photography, classical music, karaoke, movies, dining and dancing. Call ★★2947.

Asian Sex Buddy
Desired by handsome GWM, 31 y.o., 6'2", 160#, HIV-. I'm blond, blue-eyed, energetic, well-hung, sexually versatile, lean swimmer's body, lots of blond fuzz, successful, independent, free-thinker. You should be GAM, 23-35 y.o., HIV-, nice face, proportional body, smooth clear skin, slim to muscular, short to tall, boyish to butch, honest, considerate, open-minded, good sense of humor. Relationship possible, but let's get (sexually) acquainted first. Safe encounters only. Berkeley/Oakland a+. Reply BT Box DC72B or call ★★2948.

Middle-Aged Dreamboat
52, but I can't believe it... and neither will you! 6', 175#, HIV-, nonsmoker. Outdoorsy, bike-riding, mountain climbing sort of guy, but home-oriented too. Movies, bridge, symphony, drama (on & off stage). KQED, KDFC, KKSF, KALW. Long exhausting walks; long intense talks (over great meals). Let's start with a call & see where it goes. So what're ya waitin' for? A great catch! Reply BT Box DC73B or call ★★2949.

Uncanny Inability To Meet People
GW/AIM, 25, 5'11", 180#. Long black hair/br eyes. Attractive, HIV-, non-raver, inappropriately serious or silly. I enjoy hiking, cooking, gym, reading, Star Trek. Seeking intelligent, creative and attractive single man under 35, with a sharp mind and a quick smile. Call ★★2950.

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Handsome big/tall male looking for big/overweight, masculine men who are somewhat dominant and are tops. Looking for a "big guy" who can help me explore my submissive fantasies. Write with photo to Boxholder, PO Box 1206, Capitola 95010 or call ★★2951.

Strong Silent Type

This 28, 6′, 160#, brown hair, brown-eyed human seeks similar, 20-30, lean, boyish guys for friendship and passion. I'm not into affectation or stereotypes and like those who are unique and individual. I am unconventional and like to experience all I can to the point where many would think I was reckless. My interests are martial arts (black belt Judo), acupressure & holistic medicine, travel, camping, rock music & rock climbing. Longhairs especially encouraged. Falcon. Reply BT Box DC74B.

Ain't Gonna Work

On Maggie's farm no more. 15 years was plenty, now I want to go back to having fun, looking for soulmates, pals to travel, camp, party and play with. I'm 43, 5′9″, 150ish, HIV+, good-looking, cleanshaven, energetic, irreverent, adventurous and a triple Gemini. Love art, rock 'n roll, the cool and the eclectic; dislike disco, bars, clones, stale scenes. I like rebels, punks, artists, outsiders; don't care about your money, muscle or dick status. Just be sorta like me physically, maybe younger, and a lot like me mentally. This is more about soul than sex. AIDS/ARC OK. Call ★★2952.

Slim Chinese Or Viet. Wanted

Warmhearted GWM, youthful 43, 6′2″, 172 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, HIV-, counselor, seeks slim to skinny Asian, 20-33, for brother, boyfriend or lover. Prefer warmhearted nonsmoker, who exercises some and doesn't like bars. I'm affectionate and caring. Let me buy you lunch. Friendship first. PO Box 210202, SF 94121.

Looking For Chubby Buddy

I'm 46, beefy bear, bottom, masculine and sincere. Looking to meet shorter, younger, chubby guy for friendship and more. Let's meet for coffee and talk. I live in SF. Send photo to Box 291, Daly City 94016 or call ★★2953.

Sex Is Nothing

For me, sex without intimacy and affection is nothing. I'm a financially secure GWM. I'm a well-known composer/record producer/studio owner. I have a handsome face and a beautiful swimmer's body. I'm a nonsmoker, non-drinker and I'm HIV-. I'm 43, but people think I'm 35. I'm educated and I love the world of ideas and literature. I enjoy conversation, humor, nature, exercise, friends and silliness. I'm optimistic—I believe people are basically good. I believe we're on this earth to learn and grow and help others. I also believe that relationships are one of the best things life has to offer, but like most good things, they take a lot of work. Are you Asian, mid-20s to mid-30s, physically fit, playful and affectionate, passionate about life and career? Do you share my basic beliefs and some of my interests? If so, let's exchange photos.... Reply BT Box DC75B or call ★★2954.

Slim

Physically fit, HIV-, outdoor, masc. guy, young 50s, would enjoy similar outdoor guy for weekends, cycling, hiking, exploring SF and Bay Area. Then dinner, glass of wine, massage after. Open to other weekend activities too. Not over the hill yet. Are you? Call me. Call ★★2955.

Running Alone

GWM, 33, HIV-, intimate, committed, professional, seeks a "relationship-oriented" counterpart, 25-40, to share quiet nights at home, fine dining, conversation and spontaneous recreation. Reply BT Box DC76B or call ★★2956.

Bill Clinton Is My Hero

I'm looking for an ongoing playmate, who may become more. I'm 40, healthy, HIV+. My interests include exploring S/M (as daddy's boy), spiritual growth, Democratic politics, movies, dancing, music... Chemistry is important—include photo with response. Reply BT Box DC137B.

Live-Wire

One tall, lean machine! Straight-appearing, handsome blond, late 30s, a live-wire with a touch of craziness, HIV+, nonsmoker/drinker into Levi's and motorcycle boots; seeking mature soulmate for LTR. Like the quiet/shy artistic type, 18-26, to share the craziness, hiking, movies, walks in the park, along the beach, quiet evenings, passionate lovemaking and exploring the nooks and crannies of the City by the Bay. Reply PO Box 460771, SF 94146-0771 or call ★★2957.

SF Bottom Seeks Mountain Top

Hot, fit, WM, 57, 6′, 170#, beard, tatts, rings, subincision, deepthroat, HIV-, independent, artist, creative, kinky, fun, easygoing, open to all scenes (B&D & your trip) seeks country located topman for town (my place) and country (your place) living. Relationship seriously considered (fuckbuddy to more, monog. or open). Age 40+, any ethnicity, looks, size. Be intelligent, imaginative. Box 302, 1117 Geary, SF 94109.

Where Is This Guy?

Easygoing (shy and inexperienced OK) WM, 30s or younger, dark hair and eyes, healthy HIV-sought by AM, 30s, 5′11″, 185#. This guy should not be into the "gay scene," sincere, discreet, affectionate and not into drugs. I like the outdoors, dining out, massages, hugging, kissing, giving head and receiving gently from behind (condoms). I'm looking for a friend/lover relationship or more. Call ★★2958.

Man For All Seasons

The men who tried to reach me, please try again. I was away for eight weeks longer than anticipated. Very good-looking, masculine, bl/bl, 6′1″, 180#, athletic, 31, outdoor enthusiast. Looking for dating/relationship with man, 35-45, who's solid, masculine & comfortable with self & top oriented. Interests: ocean, walks, mountains, 4x4 extended weekends, snow, kink, scuba, cooking, hot sex, clouds, evenings at home, cycling, arts, w/o, rain, cuddling, horses, trust, lakes, HIV+, partnership, ranch, imagination, stars, optimism, city, romance, honesty. Lost life partner of ten years. Ready to share again. Photo pls (will return) to: M.S., PO Box 460921, SF 94146-0921 or call ★★2959.

Rock Star

White skin on this 25 y.o. dude from Ohio. Been here a few years but have yet to meet dream stud. Interests include dirt bikes, muscle cars, rock music, working out, movies. I am laid back, on the shy side (initially), sexually versatile. I have brown hair, hazel eyes, 149 gym-toned lbs., 5′10″, NS, ND, HIV-. Would like to meet and/or correspond with 18-28 y.o. guys for friendship and/or relationship. Send photo and descriptive letter and I'll reply with same. Boxholder, 2300 Market St., Box 89, SF 94114.

Marry Me

Athletic, mid-40s GWM seeks to wed and bed with an energetic younger man. I'm 6′, 165#, HIV-, balding, confident, good company, mostly top; professional; many interests. Traditional values & experience in keeping commitments once made are important. You are also employed, HIV-, NS/ND. Butch athletes a+. Write PO Box 9056, Berkeley 94709 or call ★★2960.

Asian Aroused

And looking for landing. Seeking traditional family values: intimacy, sharing and long-term compatibility. Adventurous, intellectual, masculine yet sensitive describe me. Handsome and fit, 5′6″, 128 lbs., early 30s. Would like to meet sweet and cute guy or compatible equal near my age or younger. Race unimportant. 5214-F Diamond Hts Blvd., Box 812, SF 94131.

Wine Country Rendezvous?

Available: Tall, dark, handsome, fit (HIV-) GWM living in Sonoma County. Well educated, traveled and sophisticated with a generous heart and open mind. Seeking a similar fellow (30-45)—I'm 42—to explore mutual interests and compatibility for possible ongoing relationship. My interests are varied: music, dining and cooking, horticulture, travel, companionship and great sex and more. Call ★★2961.

Jock Sucker

Masculine, bearded, sports-minded daddy in South Bay, HIV-, clean, discreet, looking for guys to service on a regular basis. Reciprocation not required, but also not discouraged. I'll travel for the right jock. Facial photo (returned) to PO Box 722, Campbell 95009 or call ★★2962.

Older Man Wanted

By a 40ish Black man for friendship & whatever develops. If you're 60 or older (the older the better), uncut preferred, tired of the rat race & know what you want—because I do—then I'm very interested in meeting you. Inner qualities are much more important to me than physical looks. Me: I'm sexy, caring, considerate, HIV-, loving & most compatible with guys that are down-to-earth & with a sense of humor. Hope you're serious because I am. 227 Ellis St., #428, SF 94102 or call ★★2963.

Inner Beauty Please

Compassionate, artist-type, solitary "INFP," healthy mind/body, seeks friend who listens to his inner spirit and can reciprocate high ideals. Important: friendship first, HIV-, thoughtful, naturalist, aware, adaptable, intuitive, healthy, spiritual, non-egocentric, love of self/beauty/nature, spontaneous. Enjoy: listening, sharing thoughts/feelings/mutual experiences, animals, walks, quiet times, writing, exploring, music-(making), dining. Classical musician/teacher, GWM, young 45, 123#. PO Box 1551, Cupertino 95015 or call ★★2964.

Fulfilled And Ready To Share

German/Italian/French, moderately hairy man offers integrity, humor, sensuous intimacy and open communication to right guy who, like me, is good-looking, NS, HIV-, GWM. Interests: arts, camping, travel, aerobics, photography. I'm 5′11″, 165#, 38, dark hair, versatile w/right partner. Prefer dominant, affectionate, content, secure 35-45 buddy, to 190#, exercised and hairy a plus! Know who you are, what you want and are ready for more fulfillment. Photo a must to: Boxholder, PO Box 913163, SF 94119-3163.

Made For Each Other

They want you on top. Because you're tall, lean, hairy-chested, masculine. You'd rather be cradled in the arms of one good man who'd allow you to make him happy. Handsome, older, wiser, fit. One who'd accept you unconditionally for who you are. Who'd counsel, nurture, strengthen you. Sexually heal you from head to toe. Hold you while you slept. Shield you from the madness. Love you. With all his heart. HIV-? 35+? Call ★★2965.

Bespectacled Intellectual Sought

This guy has been in love a couple of times, always with this type, and who can't help himself in overcoming the power of the subconscious. He's still looking for that someone to whom he could say those (?) three magic words for the first time ever. He is 38, 6′, 180, WM, handsome though bald, cleanshaven, cosmopolitan foreigner. Let him take care of your frustrations & anxieties. (Palo Alto & environs please.) Call ★★2966.

You Found It...

In Eureka, CA! BiWM, 27 y.o., 5′8″, 145 lbs., br/gr, educated, seeks Bi or GM for primarily physical relationship and friendship on the North Coast, preferably Humboldt County. Must be HIV-, like me. I'm attractive, muscular, masculine, healthy and desire similar qualities in you. Please be between 21 and 35 years old. Your letter and photo get mine. Boxholder, PO Box 4453, Arcata 95521 or call ★★2967.

Your Big Brother

I'm just an all-around regular guy, a lusty 34-year-old, 5′8″, 135#, w29, I30, 7″ cut, HIV-, sturdy, white, clean-cut, cleanshaven, easygoing and masculine. I've got dark brown hair and forest green eyes, a good solid build, medium hairy chest, hairy legs, strong smooth back, hard ass, bad balls and a big, thick, hairy dick. I don't smoke or do drugs and I'm a light drinker. I love conversation, music, videos, San Francisco, sex and boys! My kid brother's 18+, white, inexperienced and curious. I'm warm, friendly, caring and sincere—and I'm very gentle. I'm your big brother! Call ★★2968.

Masculine But Sensitive Type

GWM, 41, 5′11″, 175 lbs., dark features, wide shoulders, powerful legs, very healthy and active, HIV-, busy business professional seeks compatible friend for dating, maybe more. I enjoy gym workouts, aerobics, long slow jogs, mountain bikes, cultural events, theater, two-stepping, more. I believe friendship makes the sex satisfying. I find quiet, controlled reserve as attractive as a hot body, so you need not be a model to qualify. But you must be healthy and energetic, responsible, have a 9-5 job, age 25-40, 5′8″-5′11″, with a slender, firm body. Dancers, aerobic athletes, runners a plus. Germanic or Slavic background a plus. Call ★★2969.

Romeo Seeks Romeo

GWM, 33, tall, cute, blue-eyed, HIV-, sensitive, fun, passionate, clean, smart, worthy, worldly, artistic, interesting, interested, classy, casual, non-effeminate, monogamous, great kisser yet lonely (new to SF) seeks (boy)friend who's somewhat similar. If you're out there—and I know you are—please call me. We should meet. Call ★★2970.

Wild Boys

Seeking good-looking, butch, dark boys for sexual relationships only. Black, Latino a big plus, the younger the better. Me: 27, good-looking, lean, smooth, 7½″, Caucasian, brown hair, blue-green eyes, masculine, fiercely intelligent. Prefer cocky young men who can dominate me, tie me up and screw me or tough young boys who can roll over and take it. Penis size unimportant, no strings, no relationship, just sex. Call ★★2972.

Devastatingly Cute

24 y.o., 150#, 5′10″, blond, HIV-, with smooth, muscular body, 42c, 29w, 15a, an impressive endowment and a beautiful, smooth, tight A seeks a brutally handsome, aggressive, dominant, large, muscular (more than 180#) GWM, 25-35, for fun times/relationship. I am new to SF due to

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Oral Service Needed

Straight-looking, healthy, GWM, 46, blond/blue, 6'1, 220#, needs to be serviced weekly. Live on Peninsula, don't play around for several reasons. If interested a reward is possible. Open to anyone, only insist you be a pro. Friendship possible also. Call ★★2974.

Realness

More than real perhaps; I might even be your worst nightmare. Do you abhor meaningless walks on the beach and the need to imitate the boredom that is heterosexuality? Then keep reading. Are you seeking someone who is very good-looking, controlling, negative, critical, abusive & into co-dep. relationships? I enjoy cross-dressing, thorazine, sleeping, alcohol, drugs & "America's Most Wanted." I: HIV+, mid-30s, olive-complected, angular features, smooth, hot. You: HIV+, like John Waters & indep. films; stunning, flawless, bawdy, but not a gym clone. Let's meet so I can show you your new dog dish & we can explore some of your issues together. No closet cases, no breeder wannabes, no Republicans. Only fierce, flawless & millionaires need reply. Call ★★2975.

Daddy Type Wanted

Very cute Asian student, 26, 5'5", 132#, looks for bearded or moustached daddy (not for sugar daddy). You: 35-60, GWM or GAM, professional, stocky. Both: HIV-, nonsmoker, no drugs, honest, discreet, passionate. Please call or send photo/letter (will return). Reply BT Box DC77B or call ★★2976.

You: Friendly, Very Funny, Caring, Thoughtful

Listener interested in r&b, broadcasting, performing, comedy, writing. Slender to medium build, cleanshaven, ethical, no drugs, cigarettes or alcohol. Would like to build into a long-term monogamous relationship. There is tenderness and thought behind your honesty. Me: GWM, 43, hairy body. My friends say I'm good-looking, but that's why they're my friends. I'm a starving artist who could lose a few pounds. Reply BT Box DC78B or call ★★2977.

No More Empty Holidays

I am a 44-year-old, HIV- GWM, 5'11", 180 lbs., with a satisfying and successful professional life. But I need that special someone to come home to. Have had it before, want it again, you too? I am looking for an HIV- top, 35 to 45, any race. I prefer intelligence and integrity to attitude and acquisitiveness. I enjoy film, nature, the gym, road trips & the shared intimacy, caring and communication that make them special. A wry sense of humor and the desire for a relationship is much appreciated. Reply BT Box DC79B or call ★★2978.

Asian Seeks Mature Companions

For movies, dining out, friendship, hiking, museums, art galleries, cuddling, mutual nude massages and male bonding. I'm 5'7½", 140 lbs., uncut, French A/P, Greek P, over 50 and nonsmoker, no drugs, non-drinker, UB2. Average build, cleanshaven, loving, kind, sincere, honest, practice safe sex. Also enjoy watching videos. Please call or write my #. I'll respond to every contact. Your photo will get mine and will be returned if so requested. Reply BT Box DC80B or call ★★2979.

Corduroy

Want to meet guys who are turned on by tight corduroy jeans for mutual light spanking and safe sex. Age unimportant. I am a trim, healthy, pleasant European in my 50s, 5'8", love to hike in corduroy shorts too. Reply BT Box DC81B.

Dear Santa

I haven't written in a long time. I am a big boy now, 6', 195#, still have blue eyes but less med. brown hair, except my chest got hair and I have a biggger smile. I got presents when I wrote before, so here goes: I want a man doll, that's slight in weight & height, cut and kinda smooth, that looks 28-40ish, who laughs & cries, says lots of words that are sweet and clear, walks on beaches and trails, dances CW and jumps to rock, with lots of clothes so we can go lots of places, and laughs a lot, that I can keep forever and ever. If he's got kinda blond hair and blue eyes, like a cute Ken doll, that's OK. But more important, bring a doll HIV-, no D/D/S. Reply BT Box DC82B or call ★★2980.

Want A Date?

Maybe more? This 37, blue-eyed blond, 5'7", 140#, smooth, musc. defined, tan body, with a beautiful bubble butt. HIV- and romantic man does too! A romantic, sincere, defined, hairy-chested man makes me fall to my knees. I live and work in the East Bay. Come for a swim in my pool or relax in my hot tub... Call ★★2981.

The Black & White Of It

Red and green are supposed to be Christmas colors, but this GWM prefers black and white. Tall, muscular GWM, late 30s, hopes Santa brings a compassionate GBM (beard, stocky, hairy, uncut, would all be nice accoutrements!). Not looking for "life partner," but don't need "party doll" either. Just warm, passionate, very safe sex. Call ★★2982.

Sonoma County Gentleman

Seeks the company of a lithe lad, 18-30. I am 53, bearded, exceptionally huggable, often horny, empathic, eclectic in my tastes and interests. I would like you to be bright, honest, sensual and appreciative of what a mature man can offer. An equal opportunity overture. PO Box 1443, Forestville 95436 or call ★★2983.

Deep Throat And Hot Tongue

Sought. I'm hung, horny and hungry for hot head. In body, I'm 5'9", 165 lbs., brown haired, blue eyed, moustached, 49 and very well hung. In mind, also well-endowed: many interests, wry humor, verbal skills. Lust and language. Are you passionate, sexy and original? (Turn-on pluses are a hairy chest and dark skin.) Seek sexual friendship. Open to more. Call ★★2984.

HIV+ Black

HIV+—healthy AIDS man, no drugs. Your race or mine. Any height, slender, versatile, 35-55. Loves to hug, squeeze, kiss, love. I'm healthy, w/AIDS, Black, a little cig. smoking, 5'8", slender, 143#, wear glasses, 42 y.o.; sometimes insecure but we can hug each other and support each other. Lots of love between us. Call or write. Pictures are great. Reply BT Box DC83B or call ★★2985.

Holiday Greetings!

GWM, late 20s, brown/hazel, 6', fit, seeks more than a partridge in a pear tree. Qualities: attractive, well-groomed, high self-esteem, personable, sociable, romantic, respectful and dedicated—just to mention a few. Seeking another GWM professional w/similar qualities. I enjoy the performing arts, travel, cooking and running. Let's have lunch/dinner and see what sparkles. Cheers! Boxholder, PO Box 191391, SF 94119-1391 or call ★★2986.

Reliability And Dependability

The cornerstones of a relationship describes this 48 y.o. GWM who is 6'1", 178 lbs., with moustache and hairy chest. Looking for a young lad under 40, cleanshaven or moustache OK. I respect myself enough to stay in shape mentally and physically; you must be the same. Particular interests are skiing, animals, gym, running, home, etc. Live in East Bay. NS, ND, light drink. Call ★★2987.

Southern GWM

37 y.o., attractive, radiant, very social, intelligent, hairy body, chest, moustache, hazel eyes, 5'8", 154 lbs., very fit, avid bicyclist. You are a very confident & self-assured man, attractive, who loves himself, NS, who enjoys being a man, enjoys being gay & lives in San Francisco. Call ★★2988.

I'm Hairy, Husky & Humorous

GWM, 38 years old, balding, with moustache, seeks attractive, boyish-looking guy, 20 to 30 yrs old, for fun & possible relationship. I enjoy bicycling, films, nature, sci-fi. I like cuddling, versatile safe sex. I'm HIV- & not into bars. I'm masculine-looking & acting, but I don't ask you to be. Call ★★2989.

2+1

Share the good times. 2 HIV- males need a 3rd. We're early 50s; you 18-50. Two flag poles need service. Be real, must drive. Let the good times roll. Call or write. PO Box 282, Fulton 95439-9998 or call ★★2990.

Wrestle For It

Hairy chested, moustache, GWM, 45, 5'10", 175#, wants to fight you for dominance. Safe & HIV-. Competitive or fantasy. Pro, rookie vs. bad guy, sweaty endurance matches my favorite. East Bay or Central Valley preferred. Asians, men of color especially welcome. All answered. Call ★★2991.

I'm Ready!

Very good-looking, youthful GWM, 37, 5'10", 175#, hairy, muscular body, seeking a sexy, muscular man to explore the possibility of romance. Prefer a man who is sensitive, friendly and masculine. I'm open-minded and willing to put my energy toward the right person. Give me a call! Call ★★2992.

Old-Fashioned Relationship

GWM, 47, 5'8" tall, 180 lbs. (stocky but losing), very avg looks, masculine, fair skin, thin hair on top, trim beard with gray, glasses, HIV-, nonsmoker, moderate drink (wine), nice guy type, seeks similar secure, settled nonsmoker, HIV-, San Francisco-only man 47 to 57. I enjoy the arts, good food and friends. Serious, sharing, caring, relationship-oriented men only respond. Reply BT Box DC84B.

Romance, Bondage And Tickle Torture

Cute GLM, 20, alternative/punk type, hopeless romantic, 5'9", 145#, seeks romantic men into kissing, massaging, lt bondage, tickling. I'm smooth, slim. Smoothies great, hairy definite +. You: sub/pass., versatile, attractive, nice body, very ticklish. Have baby dungeon/playroom. Need someone to play with. Have feathers, toys, but prefer using my fingers. Want to tear open your shirt, hands/legs spreadeagled, then attack your hairy armpits and stomach until tickled to ecstasy. Man enough? Prove it! Call ★★2993.

Home Alone, Too?

Sex is easy to get. I want better. I'm a cute GWM, 28, 6', 175 lbs., brn/hazel, HIV-. Looking for a guy my age or younger, relationship-oriented, great sense of humor, professional, likes working out, sexually versatile, easygoing. I prefer a cute "straight-acting" guy with preppy looks. I'm serious about making a house a home for myself and a partner. Call, letter, photo? You pick. Reply BT Box DC85B or call ★★2994.

Christmas Boyfriend Wanted

And then some! I'm 29, very attractive, affectionate, romantic, 5'11", 170# and I work out. I'm looking for same in a "top." I like to bowl, camp, theater, go to movies or just spend a nice, quiet evening by the fire. I love to kiss, cuddle for hours. I would prefer photo & letter. Tell me about yourself and what you like. Don't wait too long! Reply BT Box DC86B or call ★★2995.

Just A Country Boy

At heart, with long, muscular, hairy legs, green eyes, nice teeth, brown hair (light), strong jaw line, Southern accent. Women think I'm sexy but I like loving a man—a dark, warm, loving, masculine and muscular man with a foreign accent like an Arab or Brazilian. I'm 6'4", 30s and want a man 5'8"+, brown eyes, black hair, over 35. I work out and live a straight lifestyle. Reply BT Box DC87B or call ★★2996.

Romantic Outdoorsman

Handsome and sexy GWM, 53, 5'10", 165#, blue eyes, trimmed beard, seeks attractive, masculine man for potential lifemate. Interests include bicycling, hiking, organic vegetable gardening and weekend outings. You are in great shape and want to stay that way. You're perhaps 10-20 years younger, have a good sense of humor and are easy to be around. Balding and hairy pluses. Outdoors-oriented triple pluses. Call ★★2997.

Real Men

18-50, HIV-, wanted in Santa Rosa. Must drive. Two all-day suckers need to be licked and more. We are both HIV-, early 50s. Must be real! No games. Box 282, Fulton 95439-998. Write or call ★★2998.

Body And Soul?

Asian/Latin/all races, 20-35... Seeking friends or more serious Partner—music (Cole, Orbison, Bolton, Sade, Stansfield, jazz, sacred, etc.), Twilight Zone, Van Gogh, Nietzsche, Kierkegaard, Pascal, moderate-independent Christian or ?, Chaplin, Newhart, the Far Side, Kirk Cummings, lite erotica, no heavy alcohol/drugs, ethnic food... I'm WM, 29, 5'9", 150#, hairy, cleanshaven, good-looking, easygoing. Letter and photo to J.S., 41 Sutter St., #1565, SF 94104 or call ★★2999.

Sit On It

While I nibble your nipples and drive you wild with desire. Later, a romantic dinner, a movie. Mideasterner, 42, 5'7", 165 lbs., HIV-, looking for someone to share an evening (or life) with. Asians, Latins welcome. You are stable, sincere and intelligent, slim and lovable. PO Box 31834, SF 94131 or call ★★3000.

G'Day Mate

I would like to meet men who are health-conscious, seriously into working out for size and strength and also interested in martial arts. I'm 33 y.o., masculine, 6'3", 200 well-built pounds. I'm turned on by solid, muscular bodies, preferably hairy, maybe balding, always masculine. I'm a fan of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture, Japanese gardens, baseball and things Australian. An ideal escape for me would be to throw a pair of Speedos and a toothbrush in a bag and head off to the Greek Isles. If any of this sounds interesting, I'd like to hear from you. Reply BT Box DC88B or call ★★3001.

Seek Friendship/Possible Relationship

I am a 28 y.o. Asian man, 5'4" and 132 lbs. Friendship holds a very special place in my heart. I love to laugh, have fun and enjoy what life has to offer. Music, dancing and working out are my other loves. I'm seeking someone under 35. Race is not important; however, honesty and sincerity are. If interested, please call. Serious only please. Thank you and I am looking forward to hearing from you soon. Call ★★3002.

SWM, 24, awesome, 6 feet, 185 lbs., blond hair, baby blue eyes, tan, muscular, intelligent, tough-looking top guy just moved to San Francisco, interested in other buff-looking college jocks from 18-23 only for wild times, great parties or just to hang out. Call me, I'm looking for some new friends. Call ★★3003.

Affectionate, Romantic Top Wanted

I'm 29, very affectionate, handsome, romantic, 5'11", 170# & I work out. I'm newly HIV+ and very, very healthy in which I'm going to stay that way. I love to cuddle, kiss & spend time with that special someone. I like theater, camping, bowling, going to movies, romantic nights! Answer this! Christmas is coming! You won't be sorry. Prefer photo & letter. Reply BT Box DC89B or call ★★3004.

18-50, HIV-, 3-Way Friends

Wanted in Santa Rosa, 60 miles north of San Francisco, by two HIV- GWM, 54, horny buddies. We like clean oral fun. Age and looks not as important as your eagerness to suck our cocks and balls. No drug usage. Sons, younger brothers needed by dads! Write PO Box 282, Fulton 95439 or call ★★3005.

Size-O-Philes Skip This Ad

As can rough lovers and those who cannot relax back to a gentle touch, an easy, quick, intense cum. My interests are in the not-so-endowed who may be comfortable with my attention and equally comfortable with reciprocity; someone with the sense to appreciate how safe and singularly satisfying a J/O relationship can be. Reply BT Box DC90B or call ★★3006.

Ships In The Night

Badlands, Wednesday, Thanksgiving eve, about 9 pm. You were by the front door with a group of friends when I entered: dark hair, light skin. Your darker features were very appealing. Our eyes met. I sat on a bench by the front pool table: wool sweater with red, horizontal stripes. Eyes met again. You left shortly and waved from outside. I waved back. Someone in your group hopped a piggy-back ride. I'd like to meet you. Do any of his friends remember? Show him this ad. Call ★★3007.

Exploration X 3

Tall (6'4"), handsome, good looks, practically crewcut blond hair, blue-eyed, moustached and sexy masculine GWM of German/Slavic descent seeking friends or couples for mind-altering 3-way union. I'm 27, HIV-, and both of you should be active, athletic, very attractive, 20-30 yrs old, Latino and/or white, HIV- men who want to share themselves with this eager, passionate and expressive man. I will make no demands, neither should you—other than we satisfy our capacity for the erotic. I want to serve both of you and in return receive your gifts. You both should be open, affectionate and spiritual. I'm physically fit, with a slender build and great legs. I'm an avid city cyclist and also love cars, photography, movies and live theater. We all respect our mind and body, so no drugs. Seeking similarly masculine twosomes to experience 3-way seduction in its hottest sense. Let's explore together. Call ★★3008.

Share Christmas With Me

Asian male, 27, 5'7", 140#, professional, athletic, smooth, level-headed, tri-cultural, looking to connect heart & soul. Value integrity, character, wisdom, straightforwardness, humor, spontaneity. Enjoy karaoke, volleyball, non-fiction, outdoors, dancing, thriftshops, friends, intimate, quality time, getting close to you and your skin. You: GWM, 23-35, fit, HIV-, stable. Let's talk over coffee. Include photo and letter. Reply BT Box DC91B or call ★★3009.

R-U A Big Hunk Of Beefcake?

If so, and you also possess good looks, intelligence, masculinity, passion and personality, then let's meet man-to-man. Would be great if we share other mutual interests, in addition to body sculpting, such as sports, outdoor activities, music, film and dancing. I am, and prefer, partners to be around 30 (+ or – a few years) and near my 6 foot stature. Weight is relative to muscle/fat ratio (90/10 percent), as well as other factors, but within 20 pounds of 195 is desirable. My personal description is GWM, dark blond hair, green eyes, trim 'stache, hairy body and symmetrically proportionate physique. (Yes, there too!) Do you measure up to my standards? Want to know if I do to yours? Call ★★3010.

You Are Wanted

This GWM, 45, 5'10", 155 lbs., HIV- wants you regardless of your race. I am healthy, intelligent, sensitive and looking for relationship. You are relationship-minded, 25 to 50 and possessed of some emotional maturity. My interests include tennis, swimming; being contemplative and loving. If in doubt, call or write, you may be the one. 537 Jones St., #8778, SF 94102 or call ★★3011.

Brains And Brawn

Handsome, hairy, hunky guy, 35, 5'10", 165 solid, masculine and muscular, looking to meet other top-notch guys into fitness, fun and friendship. Hairy chest/stomach, dark hair and sincerity definite pluses. Tell me about yourself and let's connect! I'm not looking for a lover—or just a quick roll in the hay—but instead want to meet some quality friends. Reply BT Box DC92B or call ★★3012.

San Ramon

Recent transplant from SF. GWM, 33, 5'8", 160 lbs., br/br, cleanshaven, hard-working MBA professional, HIV-, versatile, considered attractive, looking for someone (Contra Costa area) similar to share a quality life. Enjoy going to the gym (club sport), bicycling, movies, friends, quiet evenings. Reply BT Box DC93B or call ★★3013.

Positively Bottom

Attractive, hot, masculine, in-shape, Asian-American bottom, very healthy, HIV+, looking for masculine, hairy, hung and healthy, HIV+ GWM over 30 and an absolute top for fun and passion. Versatile femmes need not answer. Call ★★3014.

Explore Lust And Affection

Tall, leanly muscled 38 y.o. blond thinks acrobatic lust and safely spunky play can co-exist with underlying respect and affection! If you're an unaffectedly masculine, very fit, slender or muscular nonsmoker, 20s to early 40s, who'd like an attractive, bright patner with whom to adventuresomely romp while being our natural, attitude-free selves, either scribble an excerpt of your sensual vision-quest to BT Box DC94B or call ★★3015.

Gorgeous Young Chubby Seeks Hard-Bodied Man

Middle Eastern men a plus! I am a GWM, 6'1", 280 lbs., 23 yrs. old. I will worship your lean body as I hope you will worship my soft, lovable bulkiness. I crave romantic evenings followed by a night of hot, safe sex! Please call me—you will find I am a wonderful person. I await you, stud. Call ★★3016.

Unconventional Artist

... Working on film seeks younger (20-40) Bohemian counterpart. 44 yrs. old, kind, smart, good-looking, quirky, politically left, spiritually East. William Burroughs, R.D. Laing, Meher Baba. Often dreamy, sometimes confused, always forthright. Prematurely youthful, kid-like and blessed with irony. Call ★★3017.

Soulmates

To meet an open and honest man for sharing life's big pleasures, would be very welcomed, right now. Should be roughly 25-35, 5'10" to 6'2" and weight proportionate to height. Very physically developed, handsomely masculine, and above average in most respects, like me. Exercise, outdoor and sports enthusiast. Healthy HIV+, passionate and sexually flexible. I am 6', 190#, light brown hair, green eyes and, oh yeah, I adore bare feet. Call ★★3018.

Young In San Jose?

Bi 24-year-old, 6', 190#. Brown hair, blue eyes, very athletic. I am looking for a non-wimpy male under 26. I enjoy most sports and going out for beers. Always horny. If you are the same, drop me a note at PO Box 2866, Saratoga 95070 or call ★★3019. Blond a plus. Send picture if possible.

Queer Boy

GWM, 20, student, blue-eyed, blond (sorta), slender—you know, a pretty glamor boy. I like: products, Brady Bunch, cheezy stuff, Brechtian theater, Artaud and Derrida. You can be/are/must be: attractive, intelligent, honest, a sexual being and know polysyllabic words. Appreciation of Sandra and the Giver Goddess Fashion Plate Saint a plus. Please send totally savage photo and a fun and festive letter to: PO Box 7687, Stanford 94309 or call ★★3020.

Man Hunted By SF Man

Who is handsome, gym-toned, 40, very intelligent, social and fun. Enjoy biking, hiking, reading, seeing films and plays, volunteering, listening to jazz. Have Wanderlust in extremis. Am "ultra-liberal," monogamous wannabe, safe-sexual, extremely affectionate. Like dark, hairy, firm men, 20s to 40s, conversation, well-

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mannered extroverts, blonds with beards, the occasional toke, moments of honesty and hysteria. Dislike TV, BMWs, religion. Call for physical stats, voice check. Call ★★3021.

Mountain Biking

Recent mountain bike convert looking for others into riding weekdays or weekends in the mountains, San Francisco or along the beaches of Santa Cruz. I'm not into power riding yet, just some good physical exercise while checking out the guys. Me: 31, 6′, 185#, student. You: 18-38, cleanshaven, GWM, wanting alternatives to the bar scene and having a good physical time doing it. Take a chance. Reply BT Box DC95B or call ★★3022.

Friend Lover

I have a good life but want to share it. I am early 50s, 5′11″, 155 lbs., blue, gray, top, safe, healthy HIV-. Fun, stable, financially secure, energetic, loving, gentle, nonsmoker, non-drinker, drug-free. You are affectionate, flexible, patient, passive, maybe shy, HIV-, weight in proportion to height. Write PO Box 31854, San Francisco 94131 or call ★★3023.

Hot Blowjobs Wanted In Santa Rosa

By two HIV-, horny dudes for Christmas. If you like to suck nice, stiff, cut, clean cocks and balls and are willing to come to Santa Rosa, 60 miles north of San Francisco, write or call. We are 53 y.o. GWM. Box 282, Fulton 95439 or call ★★3024.

Looking For Mr. Right

For fun or whatever, someone with whom to spend a yet-to-be determined amount of time. You are a WM, 30s, cleanshaven, slim to medium build, and HIV+. Pluses are: likes entertaining at home, quiet Sunday mornings, travel, outdoors, maybe even sailing, tennis or scuba. I am GWM, mid-40s, professional, HIV+, 5′11″, 165#, br/br, cleanshaven, mostly top. If this is a match, call ★★3025.

Tired Of The Games??

So is this SWM, blnd/blue-eyed, straight-acting, not into bar/game scene. I enjoy dancing, biking, dining in/out, movies. I'd like to meet WM, 20-30, to share our interests. If you are HIV-, open-minded and have your shit together, let's talk! Call ★★3026.

Pen Pal Wanted In San Francisco

GWM, 31, 5′8″, black hair, blue eyes, wants pen pals in California. No dating. I am fun, outgoing and energetic. I enjoy hiking, swimming, travel, reading and romantic dinners. I also enjoy men in uniform and am discreet and confidential. If you enjoy writing letters and want to make a really fun friend, write to Boxholder, PO Box 1923, SLC UT 84110.

From The Emptiness

Of pseudo-angelic look-alikes feigning to be rustic warriors who swarm concrete stations in rooster fashioned strolls, there must emerge the misfit in radical thought and behavior bearing the taste of non-conditional honesty and estimates the worth of lives based on intrinsicality and seeks a kindred soul who stimulates beyond physical orgasm to a richness full of complexities yet simple as whispers. Let us join... for the bliss. Call ★★3027.

Hello Asians

Nice GWM, 5′9″, 130 lbs., looks 44 (is 54), HIV-, nonsmoker, non-drinker, attractive, professional, warm and caring, offering friendship and love from his heart, desires a slim, affectionate, HIV-, gay Asian man, 40 to 55, for a loving long-term relationship. I enjoy cars, boats, computers, music, dining out, walking, traveling, spending quiet evenings at home and safe sex. I especially enjoy cuddling. Reply BT Box DC97B or call ★★3028.

Who Put The "Stud" In "Studious"?

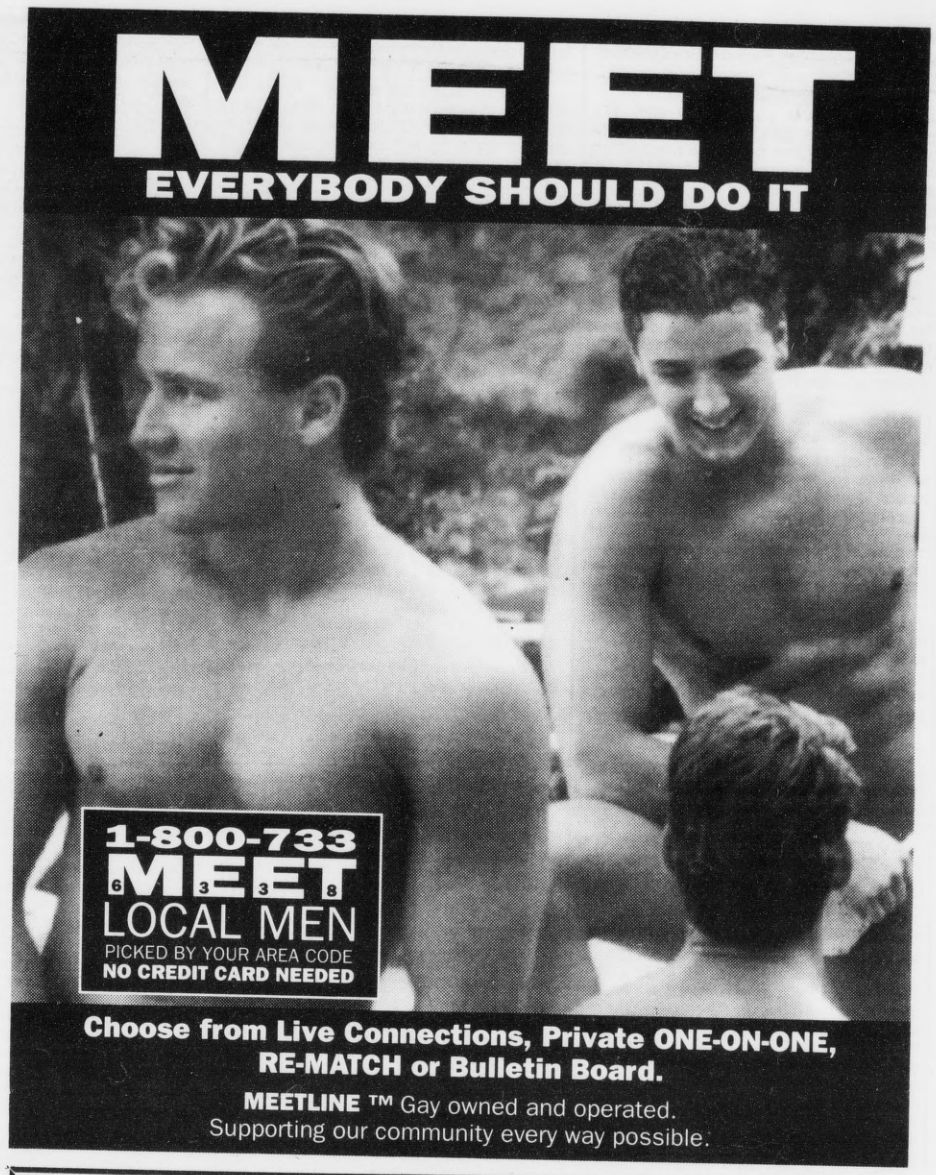
Intelligent, articulate GWM with glasses is also a passionate, versatile Italian (HIV+) with a big... libido. Attractive, boyish, trim, short (5′5″), brn/brn, mid-30s. Terrific sense of humor, dog owner/lover, real nice guy. Love popular music (Louis Jordan, June Tabor, Sondheim), movies, dining out, but most of all staying in, talking, laughing and making love with a special person. Open to whatever, though I have lots to offer, emotionally and physically, to the right person, and I'll run this ad till I find him. You: mature, but fun-loving GWM in good shape, late 20s-early 40s, no drugs. Call ★★3029.

Fresh Meat

New to the city. Handsome GWM, 24, 6′1″, 180 lbs., HIV-, dark hair/eyes. Intelligent, alternative, well-traveled photographer seeks sexy, in-shape, leather daddy/top, 27-45, with a dry sense of humor and a fuzzy chest. I'm looking for a potential relationship not a casual sex partner. If you're a romantic at heart, enjoy the finer things in life, like animals and have the patience for a bossy bottom, send me a letter with photo or call. Moustaches, tattoos and piercings a plus. Reply BT Box DC98B or call ★★3030.

It Shouldn't Be This Hard

To meet the right man. Like me, you should be affectionate, understanding, sensual, have a good sense of humor, like modern rock, be health-conscious, financially responsible, honest, sexy and enjoy cuddling. I'm a mid-Peninsula gay white male, 37, 6′, 165#, brown/blue, HIV-, with a trim beard. Capable of standing alone, yet desiring a caring, loving relationship with that special masculine man. You will be: nonsmoker, no drugs, light drinker, mid-30s-40s and teddy bearish. I have a wicked sense of humor, an infectious smile and want to create tomorrow's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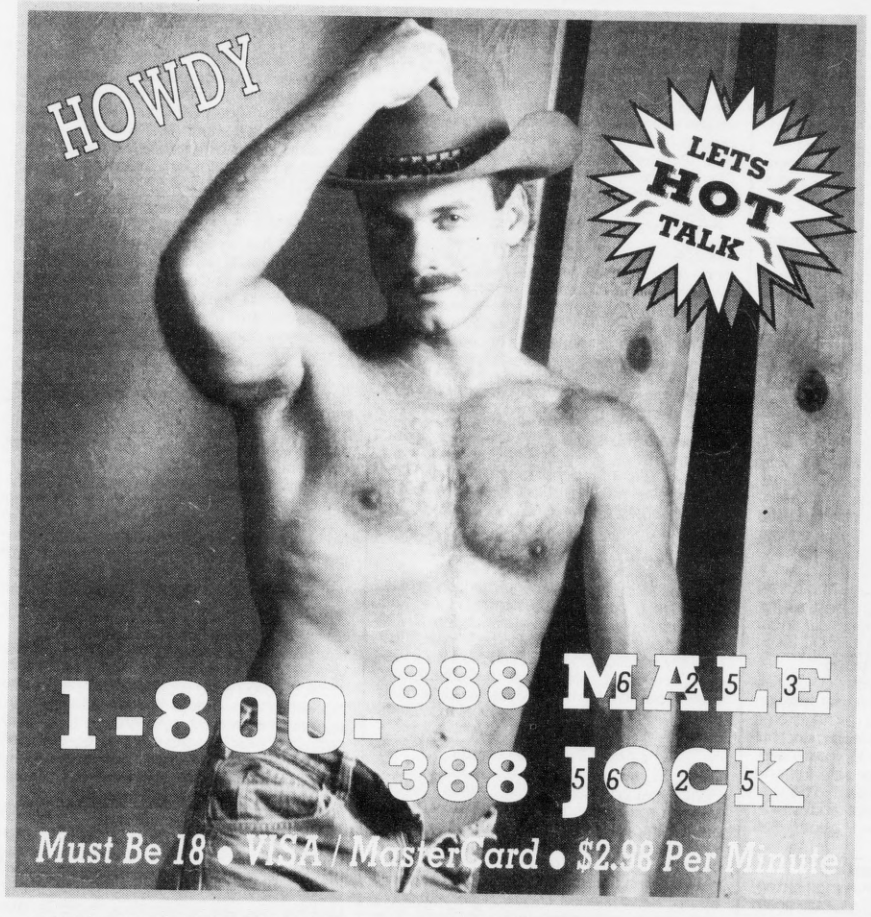

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Warmhearted GWM, young for 43, 6′2″, 172 lbs., fairly smooth, trim, HIV-, seeks younger brother (18-35) or older stepdad (or priest?). Best if brother is rather slim; can be bottom, top, just one or both. Best if stepdad is older, caring, strict, top spanker with strong hand, strap. Safe, limits respected. Enjoy massage, not seeking sex in this context. PO Box 14794, SF 94114.

Dear Asian
I want you! For some reason my preference is for Asians and I'm happy it is. I am Caucasian male, fair skin, 45, 5′10″, 155 lbs., HIV- and in good health. I am educated and professional (if that matters), intelligent, sensitive and sensuous. I like outdoor activities (tennis, swimming together?) and indoor. I am looking for a relationship. If your motive is just curiosity, apply anyway. 537 Jones St., #8778, SF 94102 or call ★★3032.

C'mon, I Know You're Out There!
Me: Well, you've heard he's a great catch. I wouldn't admit it if I didn't believe it. I wouldn't risk embarrassing a planned meeting if I weren't sure. Very good-looking, affectionate, 36, GWM, medium build, romantic is 100 percent—don't drink/do drugs. I'm the guy you pass on the street that you feel wouldn't speak to you—but you wished he would. I'm looking for the same/nothing less. I'm nobody's 1-night stand! Don't believe in what has no meaning. I'm serious, guys. No thrill-seekers. You want a cheap trick, go to the bars. You want an honest, good-looking, faithful, serious boyfriend, maybe more, take your best shot! Call ★★3033.

Dirty Talk/Jack Off Marathon
Oakland male into heavy mutual dirty talk, jack off, cock/ball worship while drinking/smoking/partying late evenings, my place only. Must agree to my place, agree to late nite, agree to drink &/or party (share costs 50/50), must agree scene exclusive to jack off/dirty talk only, must agree to limitation of cock/balls (no other body parts). Age, looks, size not important. The preceding may seen picky, but 90 percent of past ads found people ignored what the ad was about. Now, let's have some good one-on-one get-together action soon! Call ★★3034.

A Lot Lost; A Lot Learned; A Lot Left
The epidemic has cost me a great deal: my cherished lover; many friends; the promise of a long life; grief, anxiety, sadness; and loss of some of the sense of lightness in life (Anyone still reading?). However, I still have a lot left: an active, ironic sense of humor; passion for many things/activities great and small (classical music, playing the piano, travel, Italy, Paris, literature, the arts, gardening, nature, men, sex); a good body (41 y.o., good-looking, HIV+, healthy, bl/brn/balding, moustache, 5′6″, 140#, muscular/fit, other appealing physical characteristics); a deeply satisfying profession (psychologist); great family and friends; a comfortable home. I've survived so far sadder yet softer, somewhat heavier in tone yet deeper in purpose, less narcissistic/materialistic but more spiritual, more independent yet more conscious of our interdependence, stronger yet more flexible. I also still have the capacity for joy, playfulness and powerful sexual attractions. I'd like to meet reasonably fit and attractive men, approx. 37-47, HIV+ or -, psychologically minded and mature to see if some type of companionship might develop. Please write and include a photo. Reply BT Box DC100B.

Wanna Date?
Handsome GWM, hung (9″), successful, nice body, br/bl, 39 y.o., 5′11″, 165#, HIV+, healthy, sincere guy. I like gardens, kids, laughing, honesty and maturity, good-looking guys and big dicks. You don't necessarily have to like gardens or kids. Wanna date? You are GWM and should also have some attributes, age approx. 32-42. Photo please (returnable). Reply BT Box DC101B or call ★★3035.

Librarian Wanted
I haven't dated in several years, but instead have pursued the many other avenues of my life. I sense that perhaps it's time to meet others on a deeper level and maybe allow someone special into my life. I am passionate about the connection with my friends, careful and protective of my heart and soul, articulate and aware, and I meet myself in music. I'm 45, fair-skinned, 6 feet, 170 lbs., moustache, blond hair, blue eyes and HIV-. You are a normal, fit, clean-cut, masculine man in your 30s, brunette (but not mandatory), and HIV-. Glasses, by the way, are a plus. You are caring and accepting with a passion for life and an excitement for the planet and all living things. Your beliefs need no explanation. You are boyish outwardly and spiritually courageous inwardly. If you sense a connection, let's talk. Call ★★3036.

Basic Dad
Seeks loyal, submissive-kinky son who's extra-slim (tight, flexible waist), 25-40, HIV-, smoke-free, trusting, loving, optimistic, masculine, exclusively monogamous, decent. Warmhearted, home-focused dad is 6′3″, slim, late 40s, with hairy chest, balding crewcut; committed to lively, physically close, permanent partnership enduring into the 21st century. Seeking son who gives a relationship priority over anything else. Call ★★3037.

Boyfriend Material
Handsome WM professional, 5′8″, 130#, thin and wiry, HIV+, excellent health, young 40s, dedicated meditator, moderate vices, imaginative lover. You're probably 35-45, around my size, smooth body, cleanshaven, bottomish. You're definitely cute, emotionally available, interested in a relationship (terms negotiable), and working on not taking yourself too seriously. Letter with photo gets an immediate response. Reply BT Box DC102B or call ★★3038.

Let's Get Naked
Attractive, friendly, boyish-looking GWM, 33 y.o., 5′8″, 140#, dark blond hair, grn eyes, clean-cut, hairy, trim body, seeks handsome, muscular, independent topman for friends and fun. Reply w/photo (returned) for fast response: Box 99, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★3039.

(Clever Headline Here)
Very attractive, intelligent, masculine (not straight-acting) GWM, 29, 5′11″, 170#, fit, br/br, HIV-, relationship-oriented. You also be relationship-oriented, masculine, similar height, fit, medium to stocky build, 25-35, HIV-, and into conversation, sincere relationships, communication, self-improvement and fun, with positive attitude toward people and life, nonsmoker, no drugs. Call now! Operators are standing by. Call ★★3040.

Queer Male Seeking Same
Young Fresh Fellow. Interests: k.d. lang, the Clash, P.M. Dawn, the Pet Shop Boys, Faulkner, Foucault, Morrison (not Jim) and the Medea. "Squeeze me, hug me, hold me tight. Suck me, fuck me, treat me right." Poetry. Running (especially in the rain). Cooking (especially Indian food). Good movies I have seen lately: *Howards End, Raise the Red Lantern, Close to Eden.* You must absolutely be: slender, slim, built or buff; Hairy, smooth, top or bottom. Send a funny letter and a cute picture (returned): Boxholder, PO Box 5349, Stanford 94309 or call ★★3041.

City Sex
R U a bottom boy? Need a weekly workout? 33 y.o. top, 5′9″, 158 lbs., balding yet hairy man has a nine inch tool for you. No obligations—just some fun! Call or send photo of your pleasure. Reply BT Box DC103B or call ★★3042.

I'm A Human Being, Dammit!
And I'd like to meet another one with whom I'd enjoy spending time. Not seeking long-term relationship through this ad, but would like to meet someone for something more/other than sex. Enjoy classical music, eating out, working out, conversation, reading. I'm 31, 6′1″, 220#, black hair (thinning), cleanshaven, hirsute, HIV+/asymptomatic, East Bay. You: 25-40, white/Hispanic, seeking similar, East Bay or SF. Call ★★3043.

Home Alone Too?
Why not, Home Alone Two? No fireplace but a great lit tree to snuggle in front of during holidays. Resident GWM snuggler: salt/pepper beard, damn near bald, 6′, 160#, 40s, asymptomatic positive, with a grin that melts snow (he's been told). Guest snuggler: Santa, please send a redhead with a big heart, smooth chest and laugh—or, as the tacky license plate says, blonds, brunettes accepted. Call ★★3044.

My Christmas Wish
Unattached GWM seeks sincere and stable GBM to share life's pleasures and pitfalls. I'm 40, 5′6″, 160#, HIV+ and healthy. I enjoy hiking, art exhibits, the beach and frequent foreign travel. You will hopefully share a zest for life and will find me open for new experiences. Let's start with friendship and see what the new year will bring! Call ★★3045.

Xmas Italian Style
If you're horny and hung big like me, let's meat by the Xmas tree... We'll kiss each other under the balls!!! Send request with short description, photocopy OK, to this short, dark, balding, masculine, 44, uncut Italian, into cock worship, foreplay, J/O and mostly oral sex. Box 2554, Guerneville 95446-2554. Buon Natale. Call ★★3046.

I Am Seeking A Man
Do you know what Greek philosopher spoke those words? Are you a homme d'affaires? Hommes d'esprit? Do you believe that veritas and amor vincit omnia? Affirmative repliers to these questions sought by caramel-colored (and just as sweet) GBM, 26, 6′2″, 175 lbs., slim, attractive, versatile, creative, sensitive. You: NS, 18-35, any ethnicity, body proportionate, self-confident, great sense of humor. Beautiful eyes? Fantastic lover? Tant mieux! Prefer written replies. Photo optional. No homme moyen sensuel. Voila tout. Reply BT Box DC104B or call ★★3047.

B&D This Boy
I like being controlled by dominant people. Wrists and ankles restrained, putting my helpless, naked, naughty body at your mercy. You're into giving light spankings, tying me spread eagle, humiliating and parading me around your house. I'm 28, 6′2″, 180#, mostly straight, good-looking and fit with a great ass. No pain. No sex. I need a guy or guys to do it. So call ★★3048.

Relationship Sought
Handsome, petite, switch, career musician, has old-fashioned ideals of love and romance. 24 y.o. New Englander, WM with brown hair and eyes, into: music (ragtime, blues, jazz) and baseball (Red Sox), seeks attractive companion. You must be: handsome, fit, smooth, close in age and HIV-. Prefer dark looks. Let's get together and see how it goes! Call ★★3049.

Wanted! Collegiate
GWM, seeks men, 18-35, for creative friendship and possibly more. Prefer smooth Asians, Blacks or Latinos. I am 180 lbs. of sizzling beef, slim, 6′2″, blond hair, cleanshaven, with blue eyes. If you are interested, respond with phone number. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 421507, SF 94142 or call ★★3050.

Are You The One?
Attractive gay male, 25, seeks correspondence with intelligent, attractive, straight-acting gay white men, 25-30. I enjoy spending time with friends, reading, writing, movies, quiet evenings at home and enjoying life. Clubs are great with friends, but I seek other means of meeting gay men looking for more than a one-night stand. Serious only please! Respond to Boxholder (P.E.A.), PO Box 10182, Napa 94581 or call ★★3051.

Ho, Ho, Hum
After many years of long-term relationships, this holiday season does not feel as warm without a special partner to share it with. This 39 y.o. GWM, attractive, brown/blue, 5′10″, 155#, HIV-, nonsmoker, is starting early to plan next year's holidays with another besides my close friends. Interests include outdoors, music, gym, romance and lots of laughter. Candlelight (menorah?) is lit and my stocking awaits. Call ★★3052.

Heart And Soul
Physically active, trim, professional, Asian, 44, 5′9″, seeks a similar gym-toned, cleanshaven, altruistic WM for sharing eclectic experiences and being an adventurous companion. We enjoy ethnic foods, cultural arts, traveling, camping, gardening, films, sports, workouts and humorous to intellectual conversations. With sincerity and sensitivity, we are capable of developing a relationship through mutual bonding based on our masculinity and maturity. Respond to PO Box 27024, SF 94127 or call ★★3053.

Like To Watch, Be Watched
Or maybe make a video of each other. Me: 39 y.o., short guy, 5′5″, in good shape, nice dick, hairy legs, ass. You are any age, healthy and hairy below the waist. Reply: PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361 or call ★★3054.

Dominant Male
Seeking submissive buddy for monogamous safe action including clothing fantasies, performance instruction, various forms of body worship, eventual bondage and discipline and unrelenting tit play. Not into brutality or bodily eliminations. You're 30-50, nonsmoking, light drinking, with a tall, HIV-, disease-free, extremely lean, well-exercised body generously favored with dark hair, sensitive nipples and a beautiful smile. You have smarts, spunk and a desire both eager and sincere to serve a 5′10″, 165#, beautifully built, 40-something, fair-haired, hairy, damned good-looking top who is intolerant of games, respectful of limits, full of imagination and able to command adoration, compliance and devotion. Reply BT Box DC105B or call ★★3055.

Romance And Sex
Attractive GWM, 33, 6′2″, 165 lbs., seeks romance and sex with a trim, attractive man. I am an intelligent, witty person with a broad educational background. I enjoy having my mind stimulated and therefore spend much time reading and going to the theater and movies. I find that having my mind stimulated results in an intense desire to have my genitals stimulated. The man I am looking for, then, should be intelligent, witty and enjoy sex. I am looking for a relationship; however, I am open to casual dating and one-night stands, whichever your preference may be. Call ★★3056.

Sex Buddy, Best Friend, Lover
We can be one or all. Let's start on the pillows or by the fire, then pillow talk about the future. This GWM, Nordic blond, 5′9″, 158#, 40s, is romantic, loyal, stable & highly affectionate. HIV+, smoker, cheerful, educated. Seeks bright, happy man, probably 35+, shorter, with 'stache—or not. Both upscale, oral, great kissers, nipple fanciers. Let's do boyfriend things for the holidays and long after. Call ★★3057.

Masculine Italian
Straight-looking and acting, 6′2″, husky build, 40ish, dark eyes & hair, moustache, hairy chest, considered good-looking and younger appearing. Easygoing and down-to-earth, but a take charge kind of man. Versatile top. I smoke cigarettes and drink moderately. Healthy HIV+. Seeking attractive, slim, masculine, happy, mellow man who might be interested in a quality relationship. Reply to: 1547 Palos Verdes Mall, #170, Walnut Creek 94596-2228 or call ★★3058.

Tarzan Seeks Boy
Predominantly German Aries GWM, 43, with large 6′1″ muscular chassis, cute computer type, programmed for passion, sensitivity, dedication, emotion, nature, love, sex and cuddling, seeks boyish GWM, 20s-30s, smooth, slim to athletic type, with challenging intellect and personality, for a sincere, passionate relationship. I am a healthy HIV+, yet a warm, sensitive and gentle creation who loves motorcycling, hiking, skiing, travel and quiet romantic evenings. Your photo (returnable) gets mine. Reply BT Box DC106B.

Disgraced Boys Revisited
Pledgemaster seeks additional four or five earnest young men for special fraternity. Initiation includes discipline and humiliation by handsome WM, 43, 5′10″, 150#. Am trim, preppy, strict but caring. Seeking white males, 18-30, like-minded, cleanshaven, top or bottom, for safe fun and higher purposes. Limits respected. No S&M or leather. Contact with your specs and scene. Remember, it's for your own good. Call ★★3059.

Monogamous Master/Dad
Tall, slim, dominant man, 45+, thinning/balding, alternately limp-to-hard dick (6½″ cut, acorn head), slow cummer seeks slender/lean, sane, stable, obedient, compliant, accommodating son, 25-45, with good self-knowledge and clear-cut understanding of lifetime commitment: no limits body service/perversion, absolute personal submission and deep love in context of permanent monogamy. Nonsmoking, HIV- only. Call ★★3060.

Intense Passion
Mixed with sensitivity and honesty is a surefire way to win a place in my heart. Being dark-skinned with dark hair wouldn't be bad either! Ideally, you're someone that's interested in developing a nurturing, supportive relationship with someone special... like me! I'm a 38-yr-old GWM who is 5′9″, 130 lbs. and just happen to be HIV+. I've got blue eyes, lt brown hair (practically nothing on top) and a full moustache. Also, am fairly quiet and conservative. I love the great outdoors, dinner with friends, culture and being passionate with you. Becoming friends before making a commitment is understood. We're considerate of one another and both believe that honesty is the foundation of our relationship. Let's get together and see if we're suited to share what life has to offer. A photo (returnable) would be nice but not necessary. Reply BT Box DC107B.

A "Rubber" Daddy For Christmas...
GWM, 5′8″, 175#, HIV-, 40, blond/blue, facial hair, semi-hairy, nonsmoker/doper. Great cook! Bear cub/cowboy/daddy's boy. Many hobbies. You: 6′+, 200#+, Black or white, top/versatile or versatile/bottom, into S/M, B/D, CB&TT, butt plugs, dildoes, rubber, leather, uniforms, boots and "much more"! You're a special daddy and, like me, you need to feel wanted, needed and loved. You're also relationship and home-oriented, but do enjoy camping, hiking, plus. And you're hopefully like me in that you're incurably romantic and perpetually horny! Age is not important. Seriousness and honesty are! You're possessive, aggressive, fun, playful, cuddly, great hugger, especially enjoy hoods, masks and costumes. When you're in leather with a denim overlay, you wear a lot of chains and rings on your jacket, boots and pants. You wear a lot of caps and when at home alone, you wear a wet-suit or latex a lot. Relocation possible! Send letter with photo to Rubber Cub, BT Box DC108B or call ★★3061.

I'm The One You Could Have Been Waiting For
If you think Prince Charming will be around the next corner, please sign up for therapy now, you're gonna need it! I am 36, GWM, who is looking for the same, another GWM only who is very confident about his heart's emotions, who is very good-looking as I am, head full of hair is a must (not long, just full). I am 5′7″, 165 lbs., hazel eyes (captivating smile), not conceited, but want a relationship with another good-looking man, yet lovable, not ashamed to show emotions. Prefers making love & cuddling & finds that certain joy that one finds when he wakes up in the wee hours of the morning and feels the warmth & comfort of having his guy next to his side. That's me, fellows. If you can't match this or better, do not respond—it'll only let us both down. I don't care if you're short or tall, but all the rest is my preference and if you feel you can match this please don't pass me by, I might not ever come your way again! Call ★★3062.

Don't need no flakes; don't need no phonies; don't need no easy listenings. If you can think, and you think long, long thoughts as all boys do; if you have things on your mind, and you voice them; and you have stories to tell, songs to sing, and the will to power (as someone had put it), but the wintery days make you sad, and staring up the wall looking at the spider spinning its web makes you feel lonely, you occasionally get the urge to head up north, to feel the wind in your face. If you are that crazy guy and in your early 20s, then I am your man—recent college graduate, somewhat cocky and darn cute (told so by my sister). Reply BT Box DC109B.

Versatile
Masculine German GWM, 33, 5′11″, 190 lbs., in good shape, dark brown short hair, brown eyes, very short beard, moustache, nonsmoker, drinks very little, traveling to the Bay Area twice a month, is looking for a GBM or GWM, age 28-40, over 160 lbs., dark hair, moustache or beard a must. Masculine only please. Interests: sex, talk, outdoors, nature, cuddling, good food, home. Reply BT Box DC110B.

Asian Romance
Attractive GAM, 43 y.o., HIV-, 5′6″, slim, warm, caring, sensitive, with good heart, wishes to meet a mature GWM for possible relationship. Film, music, travel, walking, quiet times also enjoyed. No smoking, light drinking OK. Let's get together, ready for a long-term love. Photo appreciated/returned. Reply BT Box DC111B.

Haven't Given Up Yet
The search is for an African-American professional, top, 6′ or less, 38-50, healthy, HIV+, who likes cuddling and intellectual stimulation, as well as good sex. You don't have to be a "star," "fit" or "very good-looking," but you must be a nice guy. I'm mid-30s, professional, olive complexion, some facial hair, big brown eyes, young at heart with an old soul, and kind of sexy. Nonsmokers only. Reply BT Box DC112B.

Cotton-Polyester Daddy
GWM, 51, tall, well-built, average looks (Capt. Picard type), professional, HIV-, "vanilla" (not into leather!), seeks younger (18-40) mate for intense monogamous, committed relationship. I'm warm, friendly; prefer intelligent, smooth, slim-to-muscular, butch men (any race) who are open, honest, good communicators. I'll help with school, etc., if needed. Detailed letter with photo and phone guarantees reply. Reply BT Box DC113B or call ★★3063.

Great Catch For GAM
GWM, European-born, intelligent, attractive, clean-cut, blue eyes, blond hair, healthy, HIV-, straight-acting (neither "Castro Clone" nor "sugar daddy"—don't worry!), likes talking and listening (from art, photography and music to multi-cultural politics and high-tech communication), cafes, shows, good food. I am sincere, but also very playful, can give and accept affection and more... If you are Asian (or Asian American, Eurasian, Amerasian, etc.) and if you are, similar to me, educated, good-looking, kind, honest, relatively tall, in your 20s, then let's give it a try: call or write to me soon—you won't be disappointed, OK? Reply BT Box DC114B or call ★★3064.

Oakland Midnight Cock Obsession
Masculine, aggressive guy into strictly mutual heavy dirty talk, jerk off, cock & ball worship while drinking, smoking, partying, seeking other masculine, aggressive, night owl party animals. Age, looks not important. Not into videos, shaved, tits, ass, couples, quickies. Into long scenes with men equally obsessed with cocks/balls, talking, stroking. Seeking buddies, not top-bottom freaks. Don't have car, so prefer my place. Call ★★3065.

I Don't Like Sleeping Alone...
Maybe you'd like to sleep over? Affectionate, intelligent, handsome man, 6′, 170 pounds, cleanshaven, red-blond crewcut, healthy and in-shape, nice legs and butt, beautiful dick, looking for men desiring adult intimacy and friendship. All races and hairstyles considered. No one turned away for lack of good taste... but you must taste good! Ready for coffee and cream in bed the morning after? Reply BT Box DC115B.

Show Your Stuff
Looking for a few good men to join our small circle of well-developed guys who like to wear thongs, posing straps, etc. and enjoy showing off, watching and more. Members must be in good shape with muscled, well-exercised bodies, as well as a functioning brain. Send a recent photo and letter of interests to 2215-R Market St., #251, SF 94114 or call ★★3066.

Middle Ground
Gay sex life seems to gravitate toward two extremes—one-night stands or "serious monogamous relationships." I'm bored with the former, not quite ready for the latter (yet anyway). Basically I'm looking for a steady, safe, hot sex "buddy" (for lack of a better term). Physically I'm pretty attractive: tall, slender (6′, 170 lbs.), in-shape, Anglo, 28, reddish-brown hair, green eyes, gorgeous smile. Ideally you are dark-haired/eyed/complected, weight/height proportional, 25-35. I have hands that like to touch, a body that craves contact, and a tongue that loves to explore. Comparable qualities would be expected from you. Be prepared for uninhibited fun, versatility, lots of sweat, multiple orgasms, heavy wet kissing and even affection to boot. As an added bonus I'm intelligent, interesting, easygoing, good-humored and unique. Honest! Call ★★3067.

To Hold And Be Held
Partner of past 16 years has AIDS and a boyfriend. Each time I'm interviewed for the coping project, I'm asked "What would you like that would make things easier for you?" And my answer each time has been "Someone to hold and be held by." Mature, independent, attractive, masculine WM, 47, 5′9″, 180#, br/br, moustache, HIV-, seeks compassionate friendship. Interests include good conversation, dining in/out, movies, bridge, art (especially photography), books, gardening, outdoor activities and travel. Honesty and the desire to openly share thoughts and feelings are important. Prefer nonsmoker, light drinker and no drugs. Recent photo (returned) and/or phone number appreciated. Reply BT Box DC116B or call ★★3068.

Handsome/Hard Body
GWM, 25, 5′9″, solid 170 lbs., brown/brown. I'm very good-looking with a great body from competitive athletics which led to a college scholarship. I'm into working out, my family and friends, and my career. If you're a handsome guy with a sense of humor who's muscular and intelligent, then send a photo and let's see what happens. Reply BT Box DC117B or call ★★3069.

Exceptionally Handsome Intellectual
Sexy, judgmental, Mediterranean artist, very muscular, gorgeous equipment and skillful top, 5′9″, 28 y.o., seeks enthusiastic, affectionate companion/couple—exceptionally handsome, confident, generous (regardless of wealth), thirtyish, medium build, willing to work out, conservative appearance, environmental/feminist values, Bohemian yet elitist. I'm disdainful of working class and middle class tastes. Contemporary art, architecture, antiques, bluegrass, jazz vocals, baroque, 78s, ethnic food, Pacifica radio. Will relocate. Box 460662, SF 94146 or call ★★3070.

Shopping For The Holidays?
Consider this purchase: One slightly used 40-year-old human being, very well-built, 5′10″, 165#, 950,000 word vocabulary, all parts working, extra clean—price? You are: one top man, aggressive/dominant, take charge type, well-built, age?, race? Important: caring, good attitude and romantic; a nice chest to sleep on during winter nights. Act now. Batteries not included. Reply BT Box DC118B or call ★★3071.

Brains And Brawn
Very good-looking, top, GLM, 33, 5′10″, 165#, blk/brn, HIV-, muscular, clean-cut, seeks very handsome, hairy, bl/grn-eyed, blond, 23-35, with brains and brawn, for friendship/relationship. Like me, you are adventurous, creative, passionate, sexual and sensual, a romantic who enjoys life to the fullest. We are not prudes, overly possessive, insecure jealous men, or into drugs and games. Reply BT Box DC119B or call ★★3072.

Opportunity
26, 5′7″, Asian American background, tight, lean build. Enjoys working out, travel, dining, dancing and creative arts/film. Prefer Caucasian,

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under 35, who, for compatibility's sake, is honestly good-looking/cute, romantic, sharing, sensitive and supportive, nonsmoker, HIV-, masculine, physically & mentally in top shape (no drugs!). Looking for the right guy who has a big heart. With that person, I love to cuddle, kiss and be close in bed. Interested in developing a possible relationship together? This honest opportunity is rare! Reply BT Box DC120B or call ★★3073.

So How Come You Don't Have A Boyfriend!

... Because I keep meeting people like you! (W/boyfriend or out-of-towner.) I'm not 30 yet, but I've lived 3 lifetimes in the past few years. I no longer need to prove anything by picking someone up every time I go out. I have my wild moods and my even wilder moods. But I'm a romantic. I love sunsets, the ocean; I cry at Italian opera and Rachmaninoff. Sometimes I enjoy dancing till 6 am + and I still look good. I'm 6'½" tall, dark and handsome, Portuguese-Italian. I'm outspoken and sometimes daring; evil sense of humor & enjoy fucking w/people's minds... actually I enjoy fucking period. Sex is not fulfilling anymore no matter how cute the guy is. If you are fun, fit, handsome and passionate... that could be a start. Reply BT Box DC121B or call ★★3074.

Nature Boy

City boy/country boy, 28, seeks hiking companion/friend/? to share weekend escapes from the city. Like me, be unconventional, smart, happy, laid back and under 30. A knowledge of local flora and fauna is a plus, along with the ability to be more entertaining than a guidebook. Reply BT Box DC122B or call ★★3075.

Are You Into

Sincerity, frivolity, domesticity, serendipity? Ripened Caucasian male desires a succulent in any stage of growth, be he seedling or venerable oak. A 9½" pruned and healthy stalk awaits the harvest. Music to accompany the Feste Romane might be The Brindisi/Traviata, Vivat Bacchus/Abduction, Gourmand/Bourgeois Gentilhomme. The supporting plant is 5'11", 155#, gray/wavy, hazel, emits smoke, ingests liquor. Bon appetit! Reply BT Box DC123B or call ★★3076.

Are You This Type Of Man?

Confident, strong, masculine (very), top, more of a leader, gym-toned body, intelligent, young at heart, hard to define. Who am I? 40, GWM, 5'10", 169#, very well-built, slightly femme, bottom, boyish type, intelligent, supportive, caring, loving, romantic. Reply BT Box DC124B or call ★★3077.

A Man For All Reasons

Tired of being mind-numbingly bored? Interested in theater, literature, politics, dancing, art, philosophizing? Are you beyond the superficial—ready for a meeting with one who is intense, passionate and evolved? This ad is not about casual sex or liaisons. It is about deep and significant exploration of the psyche... leading to? Reply BT Box DC125B or call ★★3078.

Looking For A Few Good Men!

South Bay GWM, 32, 6'2", 155#, brown, blue, seeks other nonsmoking, hot & passionate GMs for playful & versatile safe sex. Must be sexually imaginative, versatile and able to verbalize what they want. Prefer men between 25 to 50 years old. Race unimportant but Hispanics encouraged. Good personal hygiene a must! Seeking ongoing arrangement but one-night stands OK. Threesomes, foursomes, moresomes? Call ★★3079.

Asian/Latino Hunks

Who require very dedicated oral servicing will get the eager attention of my warm mouth. No complications, just really great head from an attractive, fit & healthy 47 y.o. WM. You should be willing to lay back & tell me how you like it. I'll comply hungrily and even try to bring you off twice. I'm good and you should try me! Call ★★3080.

Hot Mind, Hot Sex

Handsome, muscular, hairy-chested, masculine, brown-haired, blue-eyed top seeks handsome muscular/athletic stud for stimulating conversation and hot safe sex. I'm 5'9", HIV-, looking to have good time outside of bed as well as in. Prefer (but not limited to) guys my height or shorter who enjoy butt play. Reply with photo to BT Box DC126B or call ★★3081.

Hot Zeus-Dad-Mentor-Whoa!

Cleanshaven, hi-energy, has thrown away thunderbolts; son Hercules labors, Athena hunts, Hera pouts. I'd snatch up slim young or youthful Ganymede into heaven on earth of intellect, passion, loyal friendship, prolonged kissing, sucking, fucking, safely, both of us HIV-, NS, little wine, beer, grass. I'm mature, 5'9½", 170#, trim, hung, uncut, musician, queer scientist, cuddler; letter, honest pic to Occupant, PO Box 696, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★3082.

Novice Sex Pig

I'm bored with vanilla sex and want someone to make me their sex pig. My fantasies include cum, bondage, WS, groups...? I'm a GWM, 31, 5'9", 140#, bottom, HIV +. If you have a sleazy mind, are patient and can respect limits, call me and tell me what you'll do to me. Call me now—I'm horny! Call ★★3083.

My First Ad

Honest. Why lie? Virginity is so shameful. Naivete so hot. So is dumb luck. Perhaps I'll marry the first to write back, or *** "caller number 7" silly. A 6'5", 30, well- (read, hung, balanced), wiry, wary, warm, wanton, winsome/lonesome, hardworking, wordy Midwesterner wouldn't know any better. Call soon, before I've written more column inches than I can swallow. Better, write 530 Lawrence Xpwy, Box #425, Sunnyvale 94086 or call ★★3084.

Marin Bear

Long, wet, sensual kisses, lingering tongue exploration, laughing, cuddling, touching the spirit as well as the mind and heart, fun, games and lots of caring—much more from grounded QWM, 38 yrs old, 6', 245 lbs., nonsmoker, HIV-, thinning hair w/full heart and irreverent sense of humor. Seeking responsible, like-minded, nonsmoking, non-addicted queers. Box 269, Mill Valley 94942 or call ★★3085.

Attention Top Guys

Are you masculine, hot, hard, horny, active, well-built, tall (well, at least 5'8" and above), in your 30s to 40s, and you enjoy being the top guy? If so, let's bond our desires. I am GAM, HIV-, nonsmoker or drinker, 140 lbs. & 5'8". Reply to: Suite 114, PO Box 410990, SF 94141-0990 or call ★★3086.

Mid-Peninsula Swimmer

Cute, sexy, tall, lanky guy. GWM, 28, blond, blue, 6'2", 160#, swim 10 miles per week, surf weekends. I'm looking to meet a guy who is relationship-oriented, enjoys the outdoors, is physically fit and tolerant, with a patient disposition to counter my youthful nature. Especially like to meet someone who is close to home in location, age, interests and political and environmental awareness. Adventure awaits! Reply BT Box DC127B or call ★★3087.

Gay Boy/Play Boy Wanted

I'd like to meet a man who'd turn himself over to me and let me play with him for a while. Sound like fun? I'm a GWM, 46, 5'8", 170 lbs., br/bl, and am HIV-. Call ★★3088.

Renaissance Man

45 y.o. WM, hairy, hung, hot, br/bl, HIV +, 5'10", 145 lbs. Multitude of indoor/outdoor activities. Very intellectual but very sexual (mostly bottom). Have very flexible schedule; enjoy hikes, movies, classical music, all travel, theater. Prefer 35-50 y.o., weight proportionate to height. Looking for playmates/friends/lover. Hanukkah/Christmas present? Reply BT Box DC128B or call ★★3089.

Hot, Hot Men!!!

You: GWM, 30-50, 'stache, med-big hairy chest, versatile, likes to kiss, cuddle. Me: GAM, 35, blk hair, greenish-blue eyes, 5'6", likes to cuddle, kiss, work out 4 days a week, versatile. Let's talk, meet and !!! Foto/fone to PO Box 8351, Santa Rosa 95407 or call ★★3090.

Executive Search

Tall, dark, 45, masculine, Latin, financial district executive. Live and play in the Marina. Seeking relationship with accomplished, independent, masculine man with following profile: practicing Catholic, fulfilled in chosen field, centered, gym-toned, HIV-, SF resident. You have compassion with a keen sense of intensity about life but with a strong dose of fun & curiosity. Reply BT Box DC129B.

North Bay Boys

Aficionado of sensual and intellectual pleasures, with a passion for the California backroads, the arts in their many forms, spiritual depth, multicultural flavors, many things French, and who best enjoys the City in small doses or from a distance. Looking for a compatible neighbor, buddy and/or playmate in Sonoma, Marin, Napa area. I'm mid-30s, medium height and build, well-behaved, nice-looking, Irish American, cleanshaven, long-haired, easygoing, well-balanced yet sentimental, considerate, single. Enjoy people who are comfortable being themselves, though I avoid tobacco addicts and self-centered bullies. Your valley or mine? Reply BT Box DC130B or call ★★3091.

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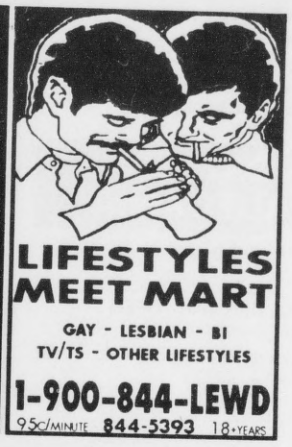

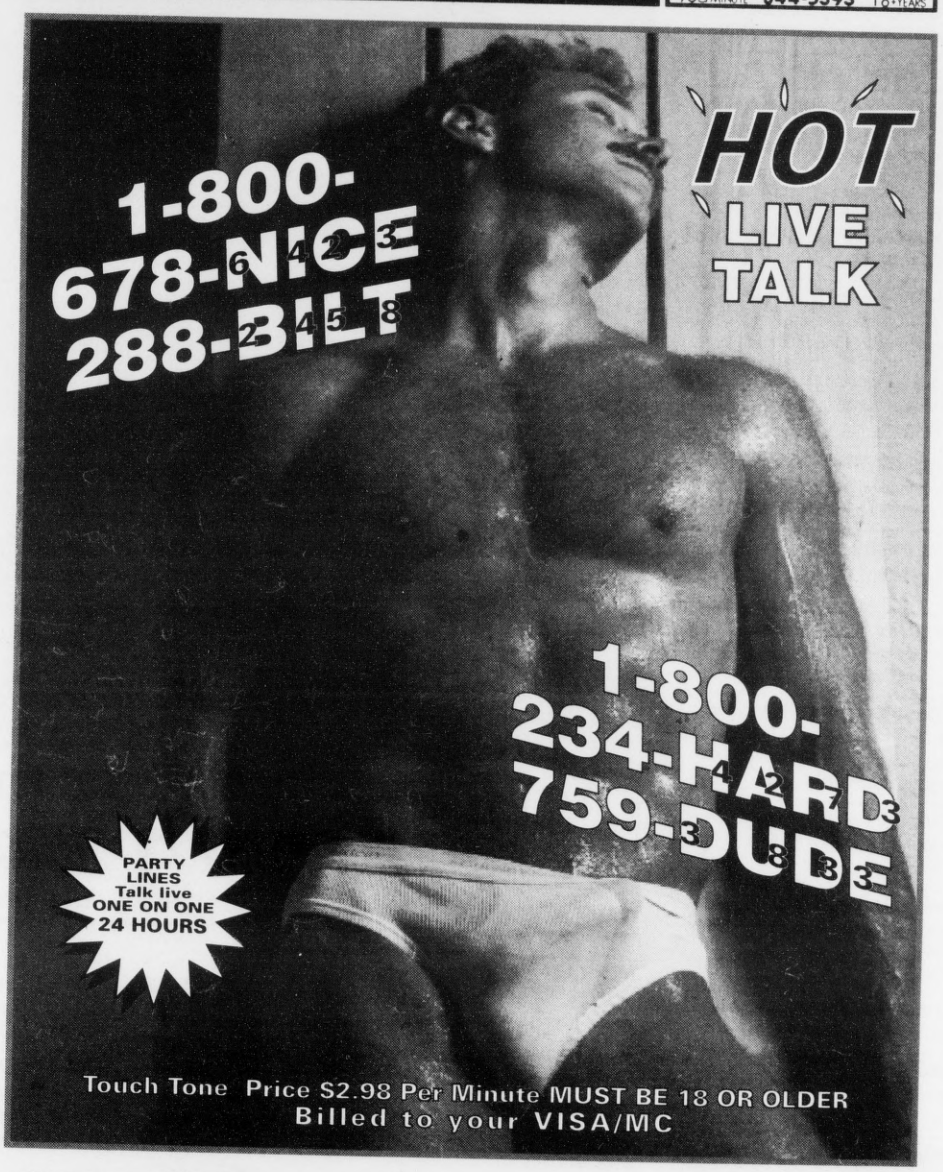

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Contra Costa County: I like Latin men. I'm blond blue eyed, 6'4, studly, into reciprocity, total contact, instinctual play, similar attitude call ☎ 2578

Kevin, 24, 5'11, 170, smooth clean shaven endowed BM seeks same, call for my number. ☎ 1902

Russian River: like to party? Let' enjoy some high times, 6', dark hair/eyes, 170lbs, med. built, not afraid to try new delights ☎ 2553

Curious 6'2, 195lbs, Bi-white discreet, clean, runner ☎ 2098

24 yr old BM, 5'11, 170lbs, smooth, clean shaven, seeks fit handsome Black men ☎ 2121

DR. Feelgood 22, 5'5, bttm, looking for someone 22-34 ☎ 2124

Take Charge Man Wanted by 25 yr old, 5'10, 135lbs, Yuppie, seeks dom. fun ☎ 2040

Boyfriend wanted by 6'2, blond/blue eyed, European college student ☎ 1045

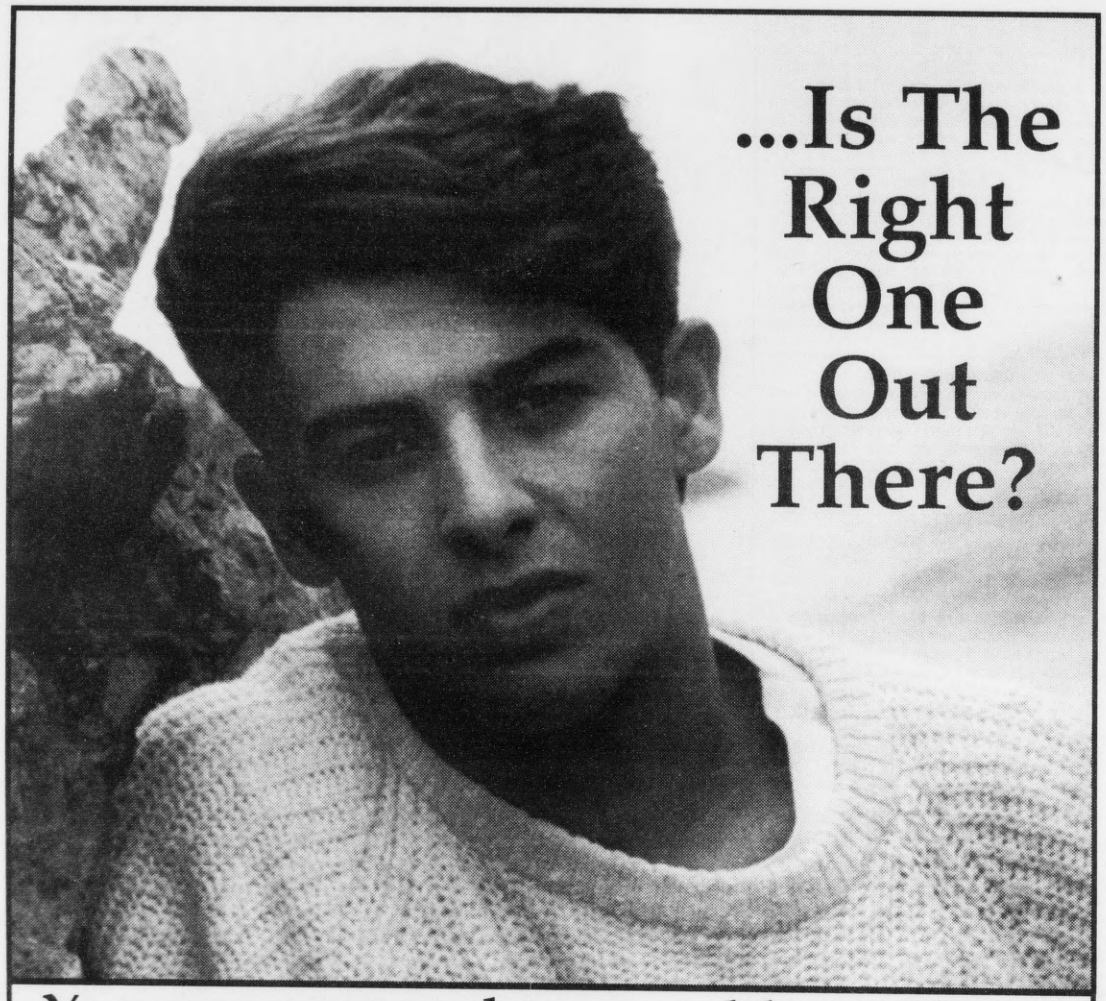
49 yr old, clean, healthy GWM, 5'8, 150lbs, brwn hair, green eyes, any race ok 18-45, ☎ 2139

New boy in Town seeks BLACK male. I'm a 35 yr old, white male, 6', slim, handsome, homebody, new to S. Bay area, looking for slender tall 30-35 yr old BM ☎ 1521

AVAILABLE tonite. I'm a 25 yr old, 5'7, 165lbs, black hair/brwn eyes Bi-guys ok too. ☎ 1439

endowed with insatiable appetite for fun ☎ 1544,

Bald men wanted? or willing to become one? BM, goodlooking, thick, 160lbs, top man, call for hm number serious only ☎ 2159



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Paul, 26, goodlking musc. built BB type seeking same, call for hm number ☎ 2392

ASIAN, 5'8, 175lbs, goodlking, ask for John, ☎ 2293

HOT BLACK BB attractive & ripped185lbs, thick moderated hairy, endowed, prefer dark haired musc. men , any race but must be built, ☎ 1924

INTELLIGENT BM 26 yr old, hairy legs, looking for other fit BM up to 35 yr old, for pen pals, get-togethers, serious only call for hm number. ☎ 1557

JUNGLE FEVER? Sexy, attractive, intelligent Mullato guy seeks attractive /

Let's talk, let's meet, let's see, I'm a shy 27 yr old, hairy, 160lbs, brwn hair, avg. looks, new to gay life, ☎ 1735

GOOD MAN WANTS GOOD MAN: GBM, 180lbs, 6', bttm, looking for affectionate top, 6', who likes music, conversation and long walks along the ocean ☎ 2001

Versatile top, 30 something, BM, into outdoors, partying, seeking other versatile tops/couples call for hm number ☎ 1920

Goodlooking WM 6'2, 195lbs, married, bi-curious, looking for similar for lasting fun rel. ☎ 1850

Jake, 24, Bay area VERY ATHLETIC enjoy outdoors ☎ 1733

21 yr old, Tall muscular and handsome, reddish blond hair, I'm interested in attending CAL football games and ☎ 1778

Burlingame, CA: Bi-married nice guy, dark hair, would like to meet discreetly,body hair a plus,☎ 1738

SF: RU WILD? 32 yr old, 6'2, Italian/German, let's get together for wild adventurous time ☎ 1933

Anthony, Oakland, 20 yr old I'm looking for a...you fill in the blank. ☎ 1299

SF: CURIOUS & straight? I'm 5'10, 160lbs, dark hair, trimmed beard, looking for straight men opened to bi- scene ☎ 1502

WEEKDAYS FREE? Steve, 31, 6', into hot times during day. ☎ 1519

Oakland: 30, 5'9, 150 lbs, black haired italian/spanish, tanned handsome, swimmer's body, ☎ 1860

Get aholda ME;. 34 yr old, tennis , ski, art , dining out, movies, museums, ☎ 1122

Bi-white male, seeking TV, TS, ☎ 1138

S.Bay, VERY HANDSOME, GWM 27, 5'11, 175lbs, I'm very romantic and like cuddling ☎ 1661

British accented, I'm 25 yr old, 5'11, black hair, brown skin, ☎ 1208

28 yr old black male, looking for young white male, ☎ 1024

5'11, bodybuilder, 210lbs, masculine, I prefer uncut men 25-45, I enjoy experimenting ☎ 9494

Modesto, 28 yr old, bttm, into group activities, ☎ 1095

Partner for Danger this 37 year old, desires men up to 45 for mutual satisfaction.☎ 9138

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23 yr old, versatile BM, ☎ 9249

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SF: Born again virgin, 29 yr old, brown hair, half italian, I like to have lots of fun, ☎ 9419

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Jason, 22, 5'11, 155lbs, light blond hair, blue eyes, workout regularly looking for guys in the area. ☎ 9021

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49 year old, GWM, bottom love touching kissing caressing all races ok, Joseph ☎ 4086

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S. Bay, 30, masculine, well educated, let's make a connections ☎ 7735

Penetrating eyes Decadence Dennis, 32, dark hair, let's explore ☎ 7596

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Mike, 18, seeking 18-25 for romance and fun. ☎ 4926

Pleasanton area, Randy, 5'9", 165lbs., looking to meet guys 21-35, blond hair is a plus. ☎ 4866

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Gay Couple seeks, blond, verbal, ask for Mike. ☎ 5189

John, 33, 6'1", white, enjoy showing off, enjoy all varieties, especially dark. ☎ 5099

Randy, 30, 6', 180lbs. seeks fun guys. ☎ 5085

Tino, Italian, mature, hairy, 5'8", 140lbs., seeks BLACK mature for LTR, Bay area. ☎ 4005

Vincent, 23, seeks older gentleman, Sandy Blond hair, brown eyes. ☎ 5245

Mature Gay White Male, 68, wants younger men in San Jose Vicinity for friendship. No Drugs, would like calls from other states also. ☎ 4005

In S.F., Exotic, Spanish, Hawaiian, 5'6", 120lbs., 20, looking for fun or serious commitment. ☎ 4675

Sacramento

Matt, 5'9, brwn hair, blue eyes, 140lbs, 24, ☎2609

Stockton/Modesto: 28, 5'10, 170lbs, hispanic, hot, would like to meet area guys ☎ 2640

Modesto CA : REGULAR GUY: w/ playful spirit 34 yr old, masc. acting w/three children, please be discreet ☎ 2285

5'9, blond blue eyed, varied interest include, theatre, beaches, camping, hiking, I'm the nice normal guy you're looking for, call soon, ☎ 2100

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Sacramento: OUTDOORs enthusiast I'm 34 yr old, 5'9, 160lbs, enjoy camping fishing hunting, dining out ☎ 1205

Sacramento, Randy, 35 yr old, white, 5'9, 160lbs, I like to hunt, fish, camp, evenings out, must be discreet for friendship maybe more ☎ 9725

Sacramento: Steve, bi-curious, want to try something new ☎ 8876

Joe, Sacramento, 22yr old, italian, 5'7, 150 lean built, smooth body, nice person wanted ☎ 8161

Black or White OK, 25, let's spend time together, Ricardo. ☎ 7285

Comfortable in Old jeans, easy going, 5'7", 160lbs., semi-muscular, trim beard, hairy, enjoy camping, hiking, trips to Reno, Yosemite, real men only. ☎ 7287

Spanish American, Sacramento, looking for true friend, preferably 6'2 with eyes of blue. ☎ 4038

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Intelligent and Humorous, 35, professional man. ☎ 7525

Clean Shaven from Fresno, 6' 170lbs., very handsome Steve, need goodlooking well hung man, please be discreet. ☎ 6786

Sacramento Law student masculine, 26, 5'10", seeks smaller, boyish, cute fun guys, clean shaven. Ask for Bob. ☎ 7077

Can Travel, 37, 6'1", 190lbs., dark hair, clean shaven, tanned top man seeks hairy body. ☎ 7033

Let's Explore Together, Mike from Sacramento, 35, 5'10", sandy grey hair, looking for fun and attractive men for fun times. ☎ 6999

Yes, seeking part time lover, I'm, 35 white, 5'9", 28 inch waist, smooth masculine, new to scene, Bi's OK. ☎ 6690

Seeking Asian Males for outdoor fun and afternoon get together, Steve, 29, 6', 190lbs., seeking young smooth men. ☎ 6489

Afternoon Delight, Romantic male seeks top men for afternoon fun. Live in Placerville area. Call me. ☎ 6574

Chico, 28, 5'9", 170lbs.. ☎ 5527

Sacramento Poet, I'm looking for a friend. "A true friend is one soul in two bodies". ☎ 4038

Stockton, CA, 5'11", brown hair, top man seeks younger guys. Leave a message. ☎ 5045

Sacramento, Eric, young guy without experience, no strings attached, call me and leave a message. ☎ 4911

Tired of Bar scene, Sacramento, handsome white male, 29, smooth seeks same. ☎ 5106

Valley GUY, in Fresno, 39, 5'10", 165lbs, seeks outdoors type between 25 and 35 for a monogamous and positive intimate friendship. Prefer non-smokers, drug free. ☎ 4017

Glenn, call me tonight, ☎ 4828

Sacramento, 5'9", 32, 150lbs., hairy chest, gentle top, let's cuddle, ☎ 3708

Sacramento, Let's meet late tonight, I'm Bisexual, passive, discreet. ☎ 4498

Sacramento, Seeking gentlemen for interesting fun. ☎ 4508

Sacramento, generous mid thirties, goodlooking. Seeking arrangements. ☎ 4419

S. Shore, Lake Tahoe, Latin male looking to make a connection. ☎ 4813

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It's A First

Professional GWM, 29, HIV-, lt brn/blu, 5'8", 160#, would like to meet for hot safe times and friendship. Not into bars but am fun and versatile with a high sex drive and aim to please. You: masculine, good-looking, HIV-, 18-37, in-shape, versatile, top or ?, big dick OK, and want hot times. Guaranteed you'll be glad you responded. Go for it! Bi or married OK. Letter, phone, photo (appreciated). Reply BT Box DC131B or call ★★3093. Thanks!

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I'm a nature-walking, piano-playing, city-exploring, culture-appreciating, nonmaterialistic, spiritual and practical, attractive, bearded, balding GWM, East Bay teacher, 43, 5'11", 165#. Seeking lean, not very hairy Asian, Caucasian or other who's about 25-45, reliable, communicative, non-perfectionistic, masculine, substance-unhooked, HIV-, out as gay. Up for dating, aim for supportive, loving, growing, cuddling, orgasmic relationship. Describe yourself, include phone, photo optional. PO Box 8031, Berkeley 94707 or call ★★3094.

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Awfully handsome, clean-cut, 26 y.o. GM, 5'11", 160#, muscular/lean build (work out 5 times a week), Latin/Asian, well-hung/educated and HIV-. I'm seeking a health-oriented, intelligent, clean-cut, athletic guy for dating and possible relationship. Call ★★3095.

New Year's Resolution

Boyfriend wanted. Sweetheart of a guy seeks same—nonsmokers only—late 20s to early 40s could interest me. Good kisser, sweet talker, bright, sensitive, politically aware & not always correct (still like Donna Summer). Major movie fan—Oscar day is a holiday for me; music lover from Barber to Barbra; travel fiend—especially Hawaii. Let's do life! Write with friendly photo: 584 Castro St., Box 308, SF 94114 or call ★★3096.

Nice Guy With Edge

New York transplant, 36, journalist, 5'8", 160 lbs., dark features, easygoing. Seeking sexy, down-to-earth guy to date, hang out with, and take it from there. Not required: astrological compatibility, fashion police attitude, passion for Kierkegaard, 10-inch endowment, ability to channel from Atlantis. Reply BT Box DC132B or call ★★3097.

Slow Hand Job

Does that sound like the kind of trip you could enjoy? Does something slick and slippery—some attention where it really counts—appeal to you? Let's find out. I'm a GWM, 46, 5'8", 170 lbs., br/bl, and am HIV-. Call ★★3098.

One Good Man

Looking for my Asian/P.I. equal. This 5'11", blnd, blue, 33 y.o. GWM wonders where all the real men are. If you want to be proud of the man walking next to you, not in front of you; if you are over your last boyfriend and comfortable with your sexuality; easygoing with a good sense of humor and adventure, HIV-, 27 to 35 y.o., let's talk. Call ★★3099.

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Professional GWM, 6'2", blond hair, blue eyes, 180#, 30, optimistically and perhaps naively seeks mature, committed relationship. I'm spontaneous, intelligent, altruistic, creative and passionately addicted to humor, the stairmaster, beaches, great restaurants, mountain trails and long, romantic nights. You must be stable and energetic, as passionate about your spirituality as your libido, and able to care more about someone else than about yourself. You must also never take life too seriously. I want to hear from you. Reply BT Box DC133B or call ★★3100.

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Have you read Joseph Campbell? Do you own your own evening clothes and know not to call it a tuxedo? Are you preferably self-employed in a career that you love? Or better yet, have a passion for? Are you solvent? Are you patient? Are you dependable? What I'm looking for is someone who can answer "yes" to some of the above questions. You also have to be my age (35) or older, have a good sense of humor (bonus points for making me laugh in bed), and be quick to make a point. The ability to cook (or to afford one) is handy, as I am kitchen illiterate. Some sort of spiritual discipline (however it manifests itself) is also required. Spontaneity, and the ability to mix with all types of people is another plus. Excellent kissers are at the head of the line. What I'm not interested in is someone who is into drugs, alcohol, smoking or 12-step groups. I can't stand wannabes, and cannot abide people who are cheap, terminally late or who have no style. If you answer this ad, you can expect a short, white male, with brown hair and green eyes, average looks, and yards of style, who is very much like the above description. Reply BT Box DC134B or call ★★3101.

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J/O Buddy

BiWM, mid-30s, 5'9", 145 lbs., short dark hair, glasses, moustache/goatee, burns, nice dick/nuts, HIV- seeks hot masculine HIV- J/O buddy near my age and body size for safe, queer or bi man-to-man action. Into: tit-work, C&B work, spanking, leather, tattoos, piercings (I have one 12g tit ring), goatees and beards. 584 Castro St., Suite 104, SF 94114-2500 or call ★★3103.

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Cool Comrades

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Wanted: HIV+ Artsy ACT UP Bohemian Type

GWM, 35, 5'10", 150 lbs., blond, blue eyes, goatee, good-looking, healthy, asymptomatic HIV+, great outlook on life, seeks hot, dark (prefer Latino), HIV+ bohemian type, 30-38. I'm an incurable romantic, a Cancer; eclectic tastes in food, furnishings, art, etc. Music: alternative to classical. Crazy sense of humor, spontaneous, also like quiet times, walks on the beach, through the city. Movies, 2nd hand stores, dinner at home, occasionally dancing at the Pit, work out at the Y (not obsessive). I'm primarily bottom/versatile, a great kisser, like to cuddle. You like the same and are an imaginative, passionate, caring top. Turn-ons: laughter, tattoos, horseplay, piercings, romance, honesty, stability. Turn-offs: druggies, moody doom and gloomers. Let's start '93 off right! Reply BT Box DC135B or call ★★3106.

Boyish New York Intellectual

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Holiday Date Mate

I would love to spend the holidays with a man on a cold winter night, hugging and kissing and whatever else comes natural. Interests include: mt. bike, skiing, going to basketball games, opera, jazz, classical music to hip hop. A good museum and a nice dinner are a major turn-on. Not looking for a one-night stand, but a possible relationship. I'm 29, 6', 250 lbs., Black male. You are probably 26-49 y.o. and share some of the above interests. No drugs or smokers. Any race. Please write or call. Reply BT Box DC136B or call ★★3108.

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GGREG DEBORAH TAYLOR, O.S.

Whipping through the darkened neighborhoods of Newark, my immigrant cabby rambled on about "the pussy" as snow tried futilely to land on the windshield. I was horrified, though amused by his chatter as we passed row after row of indistinct gray homes, lit with the eerie electric cheer of copious Christmas lights.

A pilgrimage to New York is requisite for any good and jaded scene queen, and it had been over a year since I plowed out here. I was ready for all the haste, bitterness, tension, danger, and bad coffee The City had to offer.

Returning to New York, I remembered that people who live there actually do things. There in only one cute cafe, Limbos, located in the East Village on A, which encourages customers to hang out, disregarding time and responsibility. Every other environment enforces immediate action; "Are you done? Are you ready?"

Jeweled red ribbons for AIDS adorn fur coats floating between boutiques. Sympathy has been tastefully merchandised in America's fashion capital.

Clubs are in a slump, and nothing new feels new. Webster Hall is uninspired, and USA is too commercial. Granted, the Gaultier chairs upstairs at USA are very Truth or Dare, and the circular, strobed slide over the single dance floor is cute, but it becomes quickly evident that this is a disco created as a display case for foreign tourists to view Bohemia from a safe distance.

At Webster Hall on Saturday, a group of pretty straight boys called us fags as we passed them, causing me to stop and confront them. I eyed them from below my tinsel lashes and asked them plainly, "Did you pay to get in? I thought so."

Though I was disappointed with Discofantasyland, I had come to see my friends, and in that regard was not let down. Sitting at an Avenue A restaurant with a posse of pals I was silenced by their rapid dissection of local and national politics. Drew Beaver, Michelangelo Signorile, Karl Sonhlein, and Michael Neslein careened across the political landscape during dinner, shredding policies, politicians and processes faster than a dish queen's supersonic snap.

Signorile detailed the status of his book, *Queer in America*, due out in March or April, which had just gone into legal review by the publishing house, explaining the process of balancing the sales team against the legal team. Naughty sells and excites but how naughty can one be before lawsuits counter profits?

Sonhlein, just back from grad school in Arizona, shared familiar tales of fluorescent lit gay student union dances, failed dinner parties, backwoods gay bars, and readjustments he found necessary to cope as a queer in the hinterlands.

Drew, my host for the Bald Ambition Tour, turned the discussion towards the multi-culti policy under siege in a Queens school district. One school board holds up the entire city's embracement of a multi-cultural teaching policy which includes sex, ethnicity, and sexuality.

I sat back and watched as the table spun, and wished for similar energy in San Francisco. New York breeds energy at a voracious rate, but it devours it as quickly as it is generated. Leaving SF behind reinforces what is special about our city, but it also makes its inadequacies evident.

I was consumed by people networking and trading information. At the Monday ACT-UP meeting I was sideswiped by Bill Dobbs who asked me to lobby for him in SF. The civil disobedience group associated with the March on Washington has chosen the topic "national healthcare" for their demo, rather than something more appropriately queer specific. I agreed, and was going to ask him for more specific suggestions when Donna Minkowitz from the *Voice* passed by, and I was discarded as he grabbed her for his next volley.

Being away from San Francisco, my control issues were gong wild. My uber-designed New Years invites were a week late hitting the streets, rumors were flying, and I was 3,000 miles away from my Nintendo. Standing outside the ACT-UP meeting I made serial long distance calls on the only pay phone in the building to my club, designers, and lighting techs, as an impatient queue formed behind me. The woman behind me made it quite obvious that my Ronald McDonald outfit being commissioned for my Superfriends party was not as important as her phone call, but I suppose importance is all relative.

After three days of shopping and shmoozing, I continued on to Washington D.C., to fulfill the real purpose of my trip. I will be producing a mega-disco party for 5,000-10,000 people at the march on Washington, and needed to find a space, sound system and advertising outlets for the event.

D.C. is exciting to see now, a city in flux as the old administration recedes and the new fresh-scrubbed faces invade. At J.R.'s, my favorite tired, button-down, sweater queen video bar, I was surprised to run into a number of friend who have moved to the city to work under the new administration.

It is interesting to see that even the gay bars will be drastically affected by the governmental switch, showing the scope of the change. It is yet to be seen if the parks will become more cruisy, and officials less closeted, but seeing my lefty pals at J.R.'s it was obvious that times are already changing.

But so far, Clinton only provides potential and hope, not solutions. Though we may have a friend at the federal level, the right wing's focus in on local arenas. Colorado was the first but will not be the last. Idaho is next. School boards and city councils across America are being infused with hate-mongers. Direct action will no longer be the most effective tool, and as much as anyone hates going to another meeting, ballot initiatives are the future of queer activism.

The March on Washington should serve to reinforce our power in both the House and Senate. It needs to be a launching pad for grassroots initiatives, and a source of empowerment for homos from Hooterville. Rather than sending a message in towards the White House, this year allows us to send the message outward, across America.

Returning home I get to deal with the stress of having to work again, and to promote my biggest party ever. Normally, I hate New Year's Eve, but this year I expect to be amused by Product's Fresh Start party. Look for me in the Men's Restroom on the first floor during the tap dancing lessons, or in the Fusion BASSment bomb shelter being attended to by Nurse McDonald.

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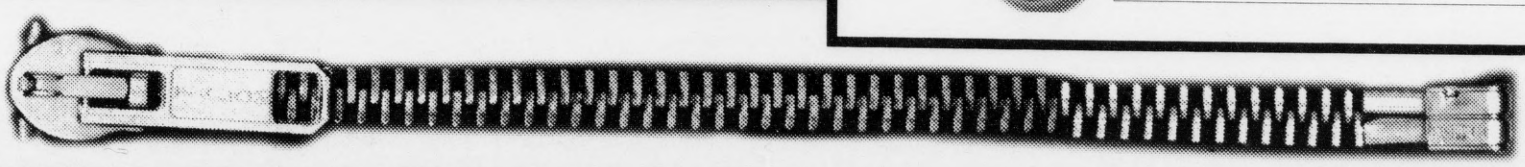

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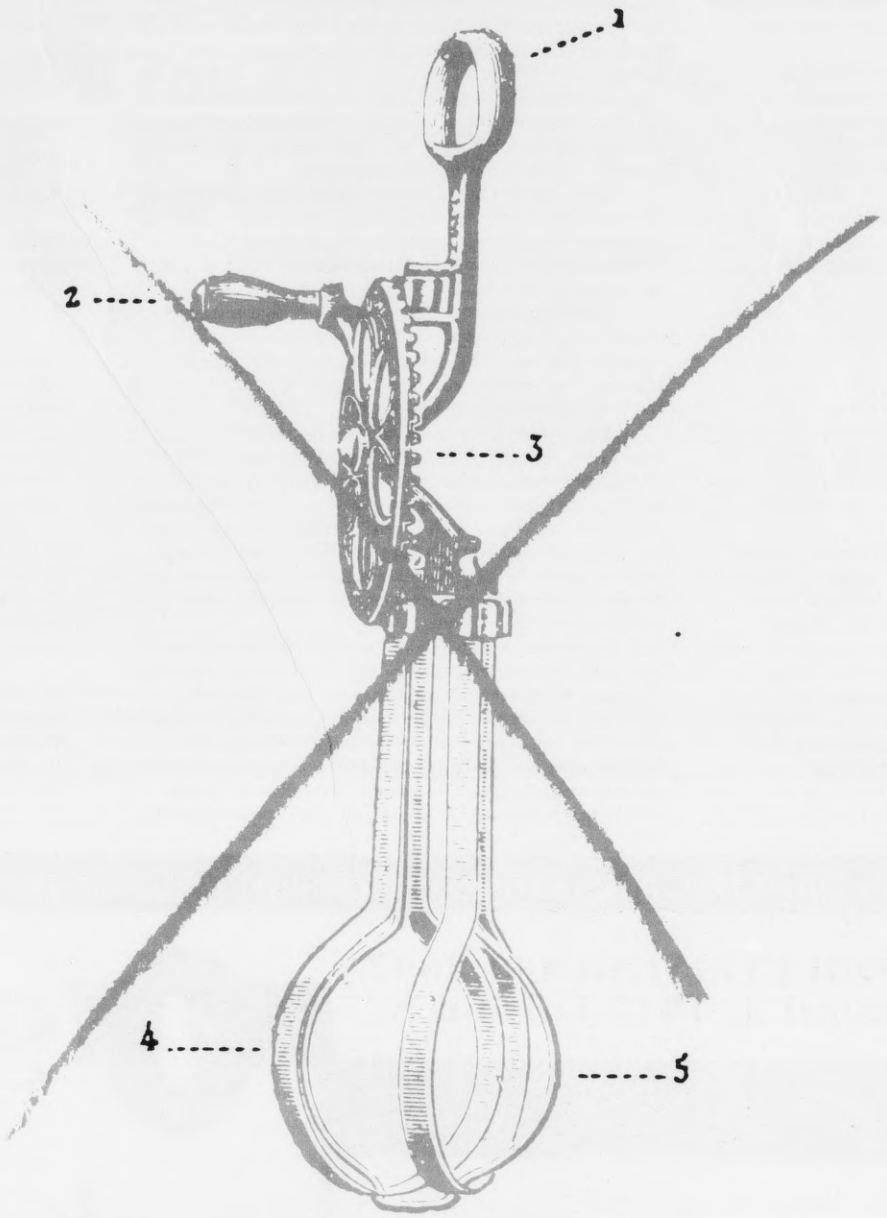

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